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ANNUAL REPORT...

Town of Ashland

New Hampshire



Ashland's North Main Street - about 1910

1983

Dates to Remember

January 1	Fiscal year begins
January 27	1st day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
February 13	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
February 28	Federal Primary
March 10	Annual School Meeting
March 13	Annual Town and School Elections
March 14	Annual Town Meeting
April 1	All Property both real and personal, assess to owner this date
April 15	Last day to file inventory to be eligible to make claim to abatement RSA 77:14
April 15	Last day for qualified persons over 65 to apply for Expanded Elderly Exemption
September 11	State Primary
November 6	General Election
December 1	Unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent
December 31	Fiscal year closes

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS: Monday evenings at 7 PM in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Office Building, Highland Street

COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS: Monday evenings at 7 PM in the Town Office, Highland Street

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING: Held at the Selectmen's Room at the Town Office Building, Highland Street

PLANNING BOARD: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM Selectmen's Office, Highland Street

Annual Report of the Officers

of the

TOWN OF ASHLAND

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

1983

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Dedication



**Harold V. Buckman
1912-1983**

Harold V. Buckman known as "Buck" to many served the Town as a Selectman for six years. Buck helped to raise money for the playground and ballfield by conducting an auction; helped to raise money for the Fire Department rescue van; promoted the use of the railroad and industrial development in Ashland; helped with the water system study; helped in obtaining a grant for a feasibility study for the Hydro Plant; was instrumental in obtaining the financing of the hydro plant; helped with the building and financing of the New Fire Station and Municipal Garage to name just a few. Buck had numerous contacts in Concord and Washington, D.C. since he was a member of the legislature for Ashland and Bridgewater. Buck helped the Town in so many ways that benefited us.

Buck had his own auctioneer business. He was well known for his superb manner with auctions. People came from all around just to listen to him. Buck was a member of the Laconia Elks Lodge.

Ashland was dealt with a severe blow with the death of Harold V. Buckman on February 1, 1983.

In Appreciation



J. Carlton Beard

1916-1983

This year the Community lost a dedicated and valued citizen with the death of J. Carlton Beard.

Carlton served as a member of the Ashland School Board for a number of years, as well as on the Town Budget Committee. He served on various community committees and was highly dedicated to his church.

Carlton's enthusiasm and willingness to serve in town affairs will be missed.

In Appreciation



James C. Hinds

Jim Hinds was a Town Trustee of the Trust Funds for many years. He was also active in many town and area organizations. Jim moved away from Town prior to his death, however, he kept in close contact with a number of townspeople.

In Appreciation



Lillian M. Young
1909-1983

Lillian M. Young was Town Clerk for the Town of Ashland from 1945 until 1964. She also served as School Clerk and School Treasurer. Lillian was active in many Town and State Organizations. She was a Sunday School Teacher at the St. Agnes Church; she held a state office in the Women's Club and served as a delegate; she was a member of the federal Junior Women's Club and Senior Women's Club and she was treasurer and secretary for the Green Grove Cemetery Association.

Lillian ran her own Insurance business on Main Street for many years. She was one of the first women in the area to run her own business.

When someone dies that is so willing to give the Town and Community her time and energy every citizen is affected.

In Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal Town Employees and citizens who participate on various Boards and Committees throughout the Town.

It is through your dedication and enthusiasm that Ashland is the type of Town that we can all be proud of.

A special "Thank You" goes to Arlene L. Mills, who has been our Tax Collector two different times as well as Secretary for the Town for a total of 22 years of service to the Town. Another special "Thank You" goes to Norman Lyford who has been the Fire Chief for 10 years and been with the Fire Station for a total of 33 years. It takes special people to put in that many years of service to a Town, and everyone in the Town should be proud to know these people.

Ashland is a Town that can be proud to boast that we have our own Electric Department (with one of the lowest electric rates in the area and with minimal outages); our own Water Department and our own Sanitary Department. Ashland is small enough so that everyone knows everyone else and there is a genuine warmth throughout the town.

Again we want to say THANK YOU to everyone who works for the Town in one capacity or another.

Robert E. Tucker, Chairman
James H. Rollins
Hilda Harris
Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Report

1983

This has been a busy and generally successful year for the Town of Ashland. The initial phase of sewer line improvements was completed, as was the re-construction of the Collins Street bridge; the South Main Street parking lot and pedestrian park; and major improvements to sidewalks and curbing in the downtown area. Mr. Frederick Welch, our Town Business Administrator, was hired in July. We believe that this position is extremely worthwhile and most cost effective, as part-time Selectmen can not deal with the daily activity and town budget effectively. There simply is not adequate time to devote to the job as now demanded by the budget, town departments, and that fostered upon us by State and Federal law. We do however, believe strongly in our present Selectmen structure of government.

The 1871 Ashland Town Hall has been entered on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently plans are underway to renovate the building, moving the Town Business Office and Utility Office to the first floor. This move is essential in order for the Town to continue receiving revenue sharing funds (\$30,198.00 in 1983) under the new public access to handicapped persons legislation.

The Town continued to see building growth with development of Burger King restaurant, Cold Spring Condominiums, Maine Post and Beam office building, additions to Ashland Commons and other smaller development which is projected to increase the town's tax base for 1983. Meredith Village Savings Bank's new building is scheduled for construction this spring and early summer. With growth, demands for all town services increase, whether it be activity in the Town Office, police or fire services, or in the area of planning.

It is essential that a greater number of Ashland citizens take an interest in their community and become involved in decisions that will shape the Town's future. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Planning Board, the Lakes Region Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and special committees: (1) to review and make recommendations on the current financial position of the Sanitary Department, and (2) to study and make recommendations on solid waste disposal and a recycling program.

The Board recommends that a Capitol Improvement Program be formulated for the town which will contain a schedule of physical improvements (roads, buildings, equipment) with a specific funding program for each, pro-

grammed for a period of six to ten years and within the ability of the community to pay. Our aim as Selectmen is to improve the quality of services provided to all residents as equally as possible.

We continue to have concern with County Tax increases, and funding cutbacks in state mandated social service and other programs, which can drastically effect our expenses without any local control.

By in large, the condition of the Town is strong and vibrant. With the aid of professional staff, supportive employees and willing volunteers, we believe that in 1984, the town will prosper and townspeople will be provided good services at controlled costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashland Board of Selectmen

Town Officials and Boards

Selectmen:

Robert E. Tucker	1984
James H. Rollins	1985
Hilda M. Harris	1986

Town Business Administrator:

Frederick Welch

Utility Commissioners:

Francis D. McNamara	1984
Donald Knowlton	1985
John C. Hughes	1986

Tax Collector:

Arlene L. Mills	1984
Deputy: Rosemarie McNamara	1984
Deputy: Susan M. Ober	1984

Town Clerk:

Rosemarie McNamara	1984
Deputy: Arlene L. Mills	1984
Deputy: Susan M. Ober	1984
Sub Register: Edward Dupuis	1985

Town Treasurer:

Gloria R. Gammons	1984
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Moderator:

Glenn W. Bricker, MD	1984
Assistant: Diana Farrell	
Assistant: Marion K. Merrill	
Assistant: John Van Stelten	

Town Trustees:

Richard Ogden	1984
Edward Dupuis	1985
Richard Ash	1986

Library Trustees:

Lorraine Marsh	1984
Sheila Page	1985
Beverly Manyk	1986

Budget Committee:

John W. Laverack, Jr.	1984	
Sheila Page	1984	
Judith Gilmore	1984	appointed
John Hughes	1984	resigned
Michael Mooney	1984	
Richard Ogden	1984	appointed
Beatrice Moody	1984	appointed
Neale Bavis	1985	
Albert Blake	1985	
Arline Wilson	1985	
Paul Wilson	1985	
Linda Guyotte	1986	
David Ruell	1986	

Robert Tucker

Selectman Ex-Officio

Patricia Tucker

School Board Ex-Officio

Fire Wards:

Robert Duclos	1984
Stephen Uhlman	1985
Albert Blake	1986

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Brice Buckman	1984
Joan Doggett	1986
Thelma Lyford	1988

Overseer of Welfare:

Marjorie Davie	1984
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APPOINTED OFFICIALS**Fire Chief:**

Norman Lyford	Resigned 12/31/83
Norman Marsh	Appointed 12/31/83

Assistant Fire Chiefs:

Norman Marsh	1st Deputy resigned
Merritt "Skip" Fields	1st Deputy appointed
John Hughes	2nd Deputy resigned
Arthur Prince	2nd Deputy appointed

Superintendent of the Electric Department:
Thomas E. Marsh

Superintendent of Water & Sanitary Departments:
Wayne L. Hughes

Police Department:	
Ernest A. Paquette	Chief
Kenneth R. Guyotte	Sergeant
Norman "Scott" Weden	Patrolman
Kenneth S. Bandilla	Special
Philip P. Defosses	Special
Paul Holt, Sr.	Special
Francis D. McNamara	Special
Scott B. Moore	Special
Dean Eastman	Special
John Morgan, Jr.	Special - Sanitary Landfill Area only

Planning Board:		
David Brown	1984	
Raymond L. Normandin	1985	Resigned
David L. Ruell	1986	
Philip Preston	1987	
George Bagge	1988	
Robert Varney	1984	Alternate Member
Carl Abear	1985	Alternate Member
James H. Rollins	1984	Selectman Ex-Officio

Parks and Recreation:	
Mary Silva	Resigned
Thomas Winn	1984
Herbert Story	1985
Katherine Marsh	1986
Glenn E. Ober	Resigned

Civil Defense:
Ernest B. Holt

Scribner Memorial Trustees:	
Richard O'Brien	1984
Raymond Burke	1985

Highway Agent:
Mark W. Ober

Health Officer:
David Ruell

Building Inspector:
George Bagge

Lakes Region Planning Commission:		
David Ruell	1986	
Philip Preston	1987	
James H. Rollins		Selectman Ex-Officio

Record of Ashland Town Meeting and Election Results 1983

TOWN ELECTIONS MARCH 8, 1983

In accordance with the Town of Ashland legally signed warrant by the Board of Selectmen and posted, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator Glenn W. Bricker, MD at 9 AM, at the Ashland Fire Station.

It was moved, seconded and adopted to close the polls at 6 PM. The Moderator declared the polls open for balloting.

Results of the Balloting were as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years:		
Hilda Harris	283	Elected
Selectmen for One Year		
Judith Gilmore	122	
Robert E. Tucker	201	Elected
Town Treasurer for One Year		
Gloria R. Gammons	320	Elected
Town Trustee for Three Years		
Richard D. Ash	310	Elected
Library Trustee for Three Years		
Beverly Manyk	269	Elected
Utility Commissioners for Three Years		
John C. Hughes	269	Elected
Fire Ward for Three Years		
Albert P. Blake	155	Elected
Harold Avery write in	151	
Budget Committee for Three Years		
Linda D. Guyotte	251	Elected
David L. Ruell	249	Elected

Budget Committee for One Year

Gerald L. Gilmore

132

Michael J. Mooney

143

Elected

Overseer of Welfare for One Year

Joseph S. Haas Jr.

42

Marjorie Davie write in

223

Elected

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote in favor of the following amendment to the Town Environmental Ordinance, Section 9, Off-Street Loading and Parking as recommended by the Planning Board (amendment bold).

9. Off Street Loading and Parking.

Adequate off-street loading and parking shall be provided for all newly constructed buildings, new building additions, renovations increasing the number of units, seats or anticipated patrons and employees, and renovations changing the use of a unit in accordance with the following minimum standards.

A. All new construction of institutional, commercial or industrial uses requiring off-street loading facilities shall provide such facilities so that delivery vehicles are parked outside of the street right-of-way.

B. All construction and renovations as described above shall provide for adequate off-street parking spaces in accordance with the following standards. A single parking space is defined as being 200 square feet in area and having adequate area for maneuvering.

(1) Residential Use - 2 spaces for each family unit.

(2) Hotel, Motel, Tourist Accommodation, and Lodging Units - 1 space for each unit.

(3) Commercial and Industrial - 1 space for each three anticipated patrons and/or employees on the premises at any one time.

(4) Public Assembly (church, theater, hall auditorium, restaurant) - 1 space for every four seats.

C. After an advertised public hearing, the Board of Selectmen may waive or reduce off-street parking requirements in cases of hardship or in the public interest. The Board of Selectmen may consider the proximity of public parking spaces when deciding on waivers or reductions of off-street parking requirements for commercial or public assembly uses. The Board of Select-

men may require a permanent easement if off-street parking is to be provided on the land of another individual, business or organization.

Yes 197

No 46

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a three-year term of combined office of Town Clerk - Tax Collector as provided under the provisions of NH RSA 41:45-a. This vote to take effect immediately following the annual meeting of March, 1984. (This article will appear on the Official Ballot.)

Yes 185

No 58

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 6 PM.

The Moderator swore in the following ballot counters: Edward A. Brown, Gwen Newton, Edward A. Dupuis, Josephine A. Brown, Arline E. Wilson, Clara M. Hinds, Patricia Tucker, Joyce M. Bavis, Lyndel S. Jackman, Marie Prince, Becky Lyford, Beverly Manyk, Lorraine Paquette, Constance Leibowitz, Kathleen Marsh and Dianna Farrell.

The Moderator swore in David Ruell, Robert Tucker and Marjorie Davie. The Town Clerk swore in Hilda M. Harris, Gloria R. Gammons, Richard D. Ash, Beverly Manyk, John C. Hughes, Albert Blake, Linda Guyotte, and Michael J. Mooney.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

**RECESSED
ASHLAND TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 1983**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn W. Bricker, Moderator at 7:30 PM. The Moderator announced that he received 4 petitions from legal voters requesting that Article 2, 13, 16 and 22 be voted on by secret ballot.

The Moderator proceeded to read each article of the warrant to act upon the same.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded, and adopted without dissent to raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded, and adopted with dissent to approve the Town Budget of \$2,498,042.52. The results of the secret balloting were as follows: Yes 62; No 12.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded, and adopted without dissent to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$406.96 for Town Road Aid. The State is to contribute \$2,713.09.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the withdrawal of \$30,020.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the use as set offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith, or take any action thereon.

Appropriations:	
Police	\$10,006.66
Fire	\$10,006.66
Highway	\$10,006.67

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums in anticipation of taxes, from such sources, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem advisable and prudent for the operation of the Town, and to execute such documents on behalf of the Town as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend Federal or State grants which may become available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any other government unit or private source to be used for purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money; provided (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditures of other Town funds, (2) that a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen, and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32, relative to limitations and expenditures to Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-B.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and adopted to amend this article to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any surplus equipment valued at \$2,000.00 or under subject to consultation with the Historical Society.

It was moved, seconded and adopted to authorize the Selectmen to sell any surplus equipment valued at \$2,000.00 or under subject to consultation with the Historical Society.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to withdraw and expend the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Fire Alarm Capital Reserve Fund for work to be done on the Fire Alarm System.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and adopted with dissent to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,208.79 for the use of construction or reconstruction of Class IV, and V Highways. The State is to contribute \$8,028.79.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the prepayment of Resident Taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment as provided by RSA 80:1-A.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$45,000.00 for replacement of the Collins Street Bridge.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded, and adopted to accept \$12,200.00 from the Ashland Firemen's Association Fund to be used for the purchase of a van for the Fire Department, with the balance of \$5,000.00 of the price of same to be raised, appropriated, and expended by the Town.

ARTICLE 13. Following a discussion it was moved, seconded and adopted to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$9,600.00 as voted at the March, 1982 Town Meeting for construction of the Pedestrian Park - Parking lot at site of Old Town Garage. The results of the secret balloting were Yes 59; No 45.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town of Ashland by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such other manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require per RSA 70:42.

ARTICLE 15. Following a lengthy discussion it was moved, seconded and defeated not to discontinue the road known as Peppercorn Road, as per RSA 238:1.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and adopted by secret ballot following a brief discussion to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$16,000.00 for the purchase of a Hydraulic Sewer Cleaner for the Sanitary Department. The results of the balloting were Yes 76; No 23.

ARTICLE 17. It was moved, seconded and adopted following a discussion to adopt the provisions of the Expanded Elderly Exemption.

ARTICLE 18. It was announced that this article appeared on the official Town Ballot and passed. There was not a motion made for discussion, therefore, this article was passed over.

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded and adopted to amend the article to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to go on record in support of immediate actions by the Federal Government to control and reduce acid rain which is harmful to the environment and economy of Ashland and to the health and welfare of the people of Ashland. These actions shall include 1. Reduce by at least half the major cause of acid rain, sulfur dioxide emission, by the year 1990 and 2. Conclude negotiations and adopt a treaty with the government of Canada that will commit both nations to this same goal. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States.

It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to go on record in support of immediate actions by the Federal Government to control and reduce acid rain which is harmful to the environment and economy of Ashland and to the health and welfare of the people of Ashland. These actions shall include 1. Reduce by at least half the major cause of acid rain, sulfur dioxide emission, by the year 1990 and 2. Conclude negotiations and adopt a treaty with the government of Canada that will commit both nations to this same goal. The record of this vote will be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States.

ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to accept \$412.00 from Dorothy Morton as a gift to the Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 21. This article appeared on the Official Town Ballot. The Moderator passed over this article.

ARTICLE 22. It was moved, seconded and adopted with dissent by secret ballot to raise, and expend the sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be applied during the remainder of the current fiscal year for the purpose of hiring a full time Town Business Administrator. The annual sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for such purposes. The results of the secret ballot were as follows: Yes 64; No 41.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Edward Brown was given a vote of thanks for his nine years of service on the Town Budget Committee.

Jim Rollins made the motion to accept the Committee reports as printed in the Town Report. Robert Tucker seconded. This motion was adopted without dissent.

Mary Jordan asked that the Vital Statistics and Payroll Breakdown be placed back in the Town Reports.

Lumina Straw asked if the Town has a leash law. Chief Paquette informed Mrs. Straw that we have a Dog Control Law not a leash law. Mrs. Straw asked how we can get a leash law. She was informed that the people would vote on it.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
APRIL 26, 1983

In accordance with the Town of Ashland legally signed warrant by the Board of Selectmen and posted, the meeting was called to order by Assistant Moderator Marion K. Merrill at 12 noon at the Ashland Fire Station.

It was moved, seconded and adopted to close the polls at 6 PM. The Assistant Moderator declared the polls open for balloting.

Results of the Balloting were as follows:

Representative to the General Court		
Constance Leibowitz		16 votes
David L. Ruell		34 votes
Rosemarie McNamara		
Town Clerk		

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of ASHLAND in the County of Grafton,
in said State, qualified to vote:

You are hereby notified to meet at the ASHLAND FIRE STATION in
said ASHLAND on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, between nine o'clock in
the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following
subjects:

1. To choose one person to represent the Town in the General Court of
the State the balance of the two years.

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-B
and 43-C for Expanded Elderly Exemptions on real estate which provides
for a resident 65 years of age up to 75, a \$5,000.00 exemption; a resident 75
years of age up to 80, a \$10,000.00 exemption; a resident 80 years of age or
older, a \$20,000.00 exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate
individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been
living for at least five (5) years as man and wife; said resident has a net
income of less than \$7,000.00 or combined income with spouse of less than
\$9,000.00; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide
encumbrances, not in excess of the value specified in RSA 72:43-C III; pro-
vided that the exemptions shall be based upon the assessed value of the real
estate.

3. To transact any other business which may legally come before said
meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of April, in the year of
our Lord, Nineteen hundred eighty-three.

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Selectmen, Ashland, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant, Attest:

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Selectmen, Ashland, N.H.

RECORD OF SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

MAY 31, 1983

In accordance with the Warrant legally signed and posted by the Board of Selectmen, the Assistant Moderator, Marion K. Merrill, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Ashland Fire Station.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and adopted to choose one person to represent the Town in the General Court of the State for the balance of the two years.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded, and adopted to vote to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43 B and 43 C for Expanded Elderly Exemptions on real estate which provides for a resident 65 years of age to 75, a \$5,000.00 exemption; a resident 75 years of age to 80, a \$10,000.00 exemption; a resident 80 years of age or older, a \$20,000.00 exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living with for at least five (5) years as man and wife; said resident has a net income of less than \$7,000.00 or combined income with spouse of less than \$9,000.00; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of the value specified in RSA 72:43-C III; provided that the exemptions shall be based upon the assessed value of the real estate.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and adopted to act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and adopted to close the meeting at 6:00 PM.

The results of the Balloting were as follows:

For Representative to the General Court

John B. Townsend, Bridgewater	91
David L. Ruell, Ashland	139

Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:43b and 43-c for expanded exemptions on real estate which provide for a resident 65 years of age up to 75, a \$5,000 exemption; a resident 75 years of age up to 80, a \$10,000 exemption; a resident 80 years of age or older, a \$20,000 exemption provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least 5 years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than \$7,000 or combined income with spouse of less than \$9,000; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of the value specified in

RSA 72:43-c, III; provided that the exemption shall be based upon the assessed value of the real estate?

Yes 182

No 45

This will take effect on April 1, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

Summary Inventory of Valuation 1983

Description of Property

Land		\$12,954,225.00
Buildings		27,348,550.00
Public Utilities (Electric)		543,700.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes		660,100.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$41,506,575.00
Elderly Exemptions	\$ 385,000.00	
Total Exemptions Allowed		385,000.00
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$41,121,575.00

Developers Escrow Account Road Performance 1983

Cash Balance, December 31, 1982	\$18,211.79
Interest Earned 1983	<u>995.56</u>
Total Amount Available	19,207.35
Expenditures 1983	<u>.00</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1983	\$19,207.35

Statement of Appropriations And Taxes Assessed

for the Tax Year 1983 of the
Town of Ashland in Grafton County

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 6,375.00
Town officers' expenses (excludes Article 22)	50,550.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,200.00
Cemeteries	175.00
General Government Buildings	15,095.00
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00
Legal Expenses	2,900.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,372.89
Tax Mapping	800.00

Public Safety:

Police Department	80,774.00
Fire Department	44,958.00
Civil Defense	200.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00

Highways, Streets, Bridges:

Town Maintenance - Summer Oiling	8,500.00
General Highway Department Expenses	101,228.00
Town Road Aid	406.96
Highway Subsidy	5,292.67
Street Lighting	15,380.00
Bridge - Collins Street	45,000.00

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	14,770.00
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Health:

Health Department	5,575.00
Hospitals and Ambulances	7,000.00

Welfare:

General Assistance	7,000.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00

Culture and Recreation:

Library	8,500.00
Parks and Recreation	20,790.00
Patriotic Purposes	775.00
Trees	100.00
Memorial Park	150.00

Debt Service:

Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	35,000.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Bonds & Notes	24,640.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	39,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Fire Department Van	17,200.00
Pedestrian Park	9,600.00
Fire Alarm Wiring - New Boxes	4,000.00

Miscellaneous:

Municipal Water Department	52,800.00
Municipal Sewer Department	283,635.00
Municipal Electric Department	1,519,700.00
FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	11,000.00
Insurance	34,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$2,498,042.52

SOURCES OF REVENUE**Taxes:**

Resident Taxes	10,820.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	29,000.00
Inventory Penalties	.00
Boat Taxes	2,100.00
Resident Tax Penalties	80.00

Intergovernmental:

Revenue Sharing Distribution	49,053.00
Highway Subsidy	7,128.00
Railroad Tax	323.00
State Aid Water Pollution Projects	34,574.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	41.00
Fighting Forest Fires	50.00

Highway Block Grant	11,583.00
Motor Vehicle Fee distribution	4,337.00
Federal Grants:	
Parks & Rec - Matching funds	3,411.45
Licenses and Permits:	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000.00
Dog Licenses	700.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	2,500.00
Fines & Forfeits	200.00
Gift from Fire Association	12,200.00
Charges for Services:	
Income From Departments	10,000.00
Rent of Town Property	50.00
Electric Department	23,100.00
Gift from Morton family	412.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Interest on Deposits	15,000.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00
Waterville Valley - Dump	14,000.00
Other Financing Sources:	
Income from Water and Sewer Departments	320,435.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	4,000.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	30,020.00
Electric Department	1,519,700.00
Total Revenues and Credits	\$2,145,967.45

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriations	\$2,498,043.00
Total Revenues and Credits	2,145,986.00
Net Town Appropriations	<u>352,057.00</u>
Net School Tax Assessment	804,571.00
County Tax Assessment	<u>82,603.00</u>
Total of Town, School & County	1,239,231.00
DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax	86,693.00
ADD War Service Credits	9,600.00
ADD Overlay	<u>15,995.00</u>
Property Taxes to Be Raised	\$1,178,133.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Valuation} \times \text{Tax Rate} &= \text{Property Taxes to be Raised} \\ \$41,121,575 \times \$28.65 &= \$1,178,133\end{aligned}$$

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$1,178,133.00
Less War Service Credits	<u>9,600.00</u>
Total Tax Commitment	\$1,168,533.00

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

Tax Rates	1982	1983
Town	7.30	8.48
School Dept.	15.10	18.24
County	1.60	<u>1.93</u>
Municipal Tax Rate	24.00	28.65

Audit Statement

**Killion, Plodzik & Sanderson
Accountants and Auditors
171 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have examined the combined financial statements and the combining fund and account group financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1982, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1B, the combined financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except that omission of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts results in an incomplete presentation, as explained in the above paragraph, the combined financial statements and the combining fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire at December 31, 1982, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined, combining fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

June 1, 1983

**John J. Killion Jr., CPA
Killion, Plodzik & Sanderson**

Town Business Administrator's Report for 1983

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Ashland:

My first six months as your Administrator has been both busy and pleasurable. Much has been done to improve the operation of the Department's under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with many items remaining to be started or completed during 1984. Our efforts have been directed to improving the financial standing of the community and increasing the efficiency of Town operations in order to stabilize the tax rate in coming years.

The greatest area of concern to the community has been and continues to be the large increase in the Property Tax Rate in 1983 (19.38%). Much time has been devoted to reducing this real and present danger to the financial welfare of the citizens. The Selectmen have set, as a goal, a \$3.50 decrease in the tax rate in 1984. A carefully planned budget has been devised to meet this goal in the coming year with work already started on further reductions in 1985.

Phase I of the reconstruction of the Town's Sewer Mains was completed during 1983 together with rebuilding of several streets that were distributed by this construction. Final street work on these roads will be completed by the Highway Department in 1984.

A comprehensive examination of the future financial position of the Sanitary Department has been started to insure the continued operation of that Department as a properly run utility without impact of the property tax rate.

In financial management the Board of Selectmen adopted written policies on an encumbrance purchase order system and petty cash disbursements. Work was started on a computerized encumbrance accounting system as well as a change to semi-annual tax billing and monthly sanitary billing. Data is being gathered to prepare a 10 year Long Range Capital Expenditures Plan and a Fixed Asset Accounting System for completion in 1984.

Other accomplishments during 1983 included the creation of a merit pay evaluation for management employees, a system of periodic work performance reviews for non-management employees, the preparation of recom-

mendations that resulted in the appointment of an Industrial and Economic Development Commission, work was started on an application for Federal Grant Funds for private housing and public facilities rehabilitation, a long range road, drainage and sidewalk maintenance evaluation program was started.

In cooperation with the Tax Office, the Town Office Staff assisted in a project to collect delinquent funds due to the Town through the 1980 tax year. The Selectmen's staff was pleased to be of assistance in this area of concern to the Tax Collector.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the many individuals who serve as Ashland's elected and appointed officials for their assistance and patience in this time of adjustment and learning for me. Thank you to the citizens of Ashland for their help, assistance and suggestions, your help has been invaluable. A very special thank you to the members of the Board of Selectmen and their able staff, Rosemarie McNamara, Susan Ober and Arlene Mills. Nothing would have been accomplished without your dedication to the people of your community.

Frederick W. Welch
Town Business Administrator

Perambulation of the Town Bounds

1983

Pursuant to an Order by the Board of Selectmen I was ordered to perambulate the bounds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 51:2. On December 3rd and 10th, 1983, in accordance with the order of the Board I did accomplish the required perambulation and found all but five of the Town Bounds.

Bounds not found were numbered 6, 12, 16, 19 and 21 on a plan by Charles M. Flanders, dated December 19, 1967. The remaining 16 bounds were found and examined and found to be in good condition.

It is recommended that bound number 21 be replaced with a new bound. This marker was lost due to a river washout. The remaining bounds not located in the field will be rechecked in the Spring. It appears that at least one of these markers has been toppled by tree removal equipment and when found will be reset.

The assistance of Selectman Robert Tucker on December 3rd was greatly appreciated. His many hours spent locating marker posts in remote locations made this task all the easier.

A description of the boundry is as follows:

Post #1 - Located behind the Sanitary Department plant on the Pemi River bank.

Post #2 - Located opposite the old Town Landfill off Depot Street.

Post #3 - Located at the New Hampton Town Line on Rte. 132.

Post #4 - Located on Winona Road near Sanborn Road.

Post #5 - Located on Lambert Road

Post #6 - Not located on the ground.

Post #7 - Located on the wood road behind the John Newsom residence off Leavitt Hill Road.

Post #8 - Located on the wood road down hill toward Little Squam Lake from the John Newsom residence off Leavitt Hill Road.

Post #9 - Located on the south shore of Little Squam Lake.

Post #10 - Located on the north shore of Little Squam Lake.

Post #11 - Located on the east side of Howe Road.

Post #12 - Not located on the ground.

Post #13 - Located on the north east side of Owl Brook Road.

Post #14 - Located down hill behind the old Tagliabue Farm off Hicks Hill Road.

Post #15 - Located on the south side of Rte. 175.

Post #16 - Not located on the ground.

Post #17 - Located on the north side of Rte. 175.

Post #18 - Located on the east side of North Ashland Road.

Post #19 - Not located on the ground.

Post #20 - Located between Rte. I-93 and the Pemi River behind the White Mountain Country Club land.

Post #21 - Not located on the ground.

The above report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

December 31, 1983
Frederick Welch

Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983
Town of Ashland

-DR.-

		-----Levies Of:-----	
	1983	1982	Prior
Uncollected Taxes-Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		\$379,328.95	\$ 7,993.24
Resident Taxes		2,580.00	550.00
Yield Taxes		1,123.23	478.43
Sewer Rents		35,832.28	
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$1,168,460.18		
Resident Taxes	10,820.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	56.25		
Sewer Rents	120,874.53		
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	7,707.97	282.00	
Resident Taxes	910.00		
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	845.04		
a/c Resident Taxes	70.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:	248.98	20,558.66	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:	23.00	80.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,310,015.95</u>	<u>\$ 439,785.12</u>	<u>\$ 9,021.67</u>

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Remittances to Treasurer
During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 793,555.39	\$ 365,120.31	\$
Resident Taxes	9,080.00	640.00	20.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	56.25		
Yield Taxes		629.10	

Sewer Rents	84,458.47	35,832.28	
Interest Collected During Year	248.98	20,558.66	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	23.00	80.00	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	6,256.02	14,490.64	
Resident Taxes	190.00	1,790.00	460.00
Sewer Rents	2,674.69		
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year: (As Per Collector's List)			
Property Taxes	377,201.78		7,993.24
Resident Taxes	2,530.00	150.00	70.00
Sewer Rents	33,741.37		
Yield Taxes		494.13	478.43
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,310,015.95	\$ 439,785.12	\$ 9,021.67

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983

-DR.-

	-----Tax Sales on Account of Levies Of-----			
	1982	1981	1980	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes-Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$88,474.63	\$54,193.53	\$24,918.62
Taxes Sold To Town During Current Fiscal Year	118,509.41			
Interest Collected After Sale	593.03	4,402.43	9,292.87	6,542.51
Redemption Costs	129.00	233.00	342.00	255.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$119,231.44</u>	<u>\$93,110.06</u>	<u>\$63,828.40</u>	<u>\$31,716.13</u>

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year				
Redemptions	\$ 20,702.18	\$27,003.07	\$44,253.16	\$17,794.75
Interest & Costs After Sale	722.03	4,635.43	9,634.87	6,797.51
Abatements During Yr.	579.13	2,853.22	4,038.55	5,531.48
Deeded To Town During Year	695.44		854.09	51.95
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year	96,532.66	58,618.34	5,047.73	1,540.44
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$119,231.44</u>	<u>\$93,110.06</u>	<u>\$63,828.40</u>	<u>\$31,716.13</u>

Arlene L. Mills
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

Cash on Hand December 31, 1982 \$25.00

Receipts:

1589 Auto Permits \$48,639.50

188 Dog Licenses 896.00

Filing, Marriage Licenses, and misc. 628.00

Total \$50,163.50

Paid to Town Treasurer \$50,163.50

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1983 \$25.00

Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

Annual Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand December 31, 1982		\$139,205.21
Total receipts through 12/31/83	\$4,911,529.84	
Total expenditures through 12/31/83	4,939,535.43	
		(28,005.59)
		\$111,199.62

Checking Account Balance	\$ 56,523.05
Revenue Sharing Account	17,164.23
Cold Spring	19,207.35
Money Acc't #853-795-3	18,154.25
Petty Cash	150.74
	\$111,199.62

This is a correct statement of the transactions of the Town Treasury during the period of January 1, 1983 through December 31, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria R. Gammons, Treasurer

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures 1983

	Appro- priations 1983	Expendi- tures 1983	(Over) Under 1983
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,228.16	\$ 6,228.16	\$.00
Town Officers' Expense	48,696.84	43,722.02	4,974.82
Election & Registration	1,200.00	1,091.25	108.75
Town Buildings	15,095.00	4,566.28	10,528.72
Reappraisal of Property	.00	.00	.00
Tax Map	800.00	568.92	231.08
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	80,774.00	80,952.42	(178.42)
Fire Department including forest fires	46,458.00	36,714.09	9,743.91
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	100.00	.00	100.00
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00	957.05	142.95
Insurance	36,000.00	26,819.68	9,180.32
Civil Defense	200.00	12.00	188.00
Health:			
Health Dept. includ. Ambulance	12,575.00	12,583.22	(8.22)
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	14,770.00	16,237.64	(1,467.74)
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Road Aid	406.96	.00	406.96
Town Maintenance	101,228.00	79,554.67	21,673.33
Street Lighting	15,380.00	15,400.48	(20.48)
Collins St. Bridge	45,000.00	41,225.00	3,775.00
Highway Block Grant	15,420.92	13,817.20	1,603.72
Summer Maint. Oiling	8,500.00	.00	8,500.00
Curbing	.00	2,221.50	(2,221.50)
Libraries:			
Library	8,500.00	8,500.00	.00

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	7,000.00	3,899.82	3,100.18
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00	12,334.67	5,665.33

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	775.00	775.00	.00
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Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds	20,790.00	21,045.69	(255.69)
Memorial Park	150.00	175.29	(25.29)

Public Service Enterprises:

Municipal Sewer Department	283,635.00	257,355.12	26,279.88
Municipal Water Department	52,800.00	38,340.21	14,459.79
Municipal Electric Department	1,519,700.00	1,090,968.18	428,731.82
Cemeteries	175.00	175.00	.00

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expense	2,900.00	2,400.00	500.00
Advertising & Regional Expense	1,372.89	1,372.89	.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	11,000.00	11,410.05	(410.05)

Debt Service:

Principal-long term notes	35,000.00	35,000.00	.00
Interest-long term notes	24,640.00	24,640.00	.00
Interest-temporary loans	39,000.00	40,586.85	(1,586.85)

Capital Outlay:

Fire Alarm	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00
Highway Truck	23,075.00	23,075.00	.00
Fire Dept. Van	5,000.00	5,000.00	.00
Pedestrian Park	12,400.00	18,690.00	(6,290.00)

Payments to Other Government Divisions:

School District Tax	697,715.75	697,715.75	.00
County Tax	82,603.00	82,603.00	.00
Overlay (Abatements & Refunds)	6,110.96	6,110.96	.00

Total Budgetary Appropriations	\$3,306,275.48	\$2,764,845.06	\$541,430.42
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Payroll 1983

Carlton Abear	\$ 243.00	Bette J. Fields	939.00
Richard Ash	350.00	Merritt J. Fields	635.50
Kenneth Avery	30.00	Jon Fouts	40.00
George M. Bagge	3,057.57	Gloria R. Gammons	3,000.00
Kenneth S. Bandilla	910.01	Thomas G. Glidden	8,266.11
Ann M. Barney	502.50	Michael Gray	14.00
David A. Barney	324.50	Clifton Guay, Jr.	574.12
Henry C. Bates	418.00	James D. Godville	14,010.80
Gary J. Bavis	159.00	Kenneth R. Guyotte	15,887.12
Joyce M. Bavis	750.00	Katherine Harriman	33.50
Lee C. Bavis	156.00	Hilda M. Harris	653.16
Kenneth Beadle	50.00	Michael Heath	205.00
Paul R. Beadle	406.50	Patricia W. Heinz	1,100.00
Raymond L. Bergeron	825.00	Clara M. Hinds	68.68
Albert P. Blake	438.50	Pauline Heath	9.50
Lester W. Boynton	214.50	Paul Holt	617.25
Troy A. Boynton	385.25	John C. Hughes	1,200.00
Kevin Buckley	1,100.85	Wayne L. Hughes	24,019.80
Brice Buckman	46.90	Robert Inkel, Jr.	395.00
Raymond Burke, Sr.	250.00	Sherrie Jackman	164.00
Steven N. Burrows	67.25	Donald Knowlton, Jr.	55.00
Robert Burton, Jr.	6,467.20	Donald Knowlton, Sr.	650.00
Leonard Brace, Sr.	1,750.00	Kenneth S. Knowlton	13.50
Rena M. Brace	1,166.17	Jeanette Lee	82.08
Glenn W. Bricker	75.00	Sara Lyford	462.30
Clara M. Cilley	2,059.20	Norman Lyford	968.00
Barry Cottrell	788.55	Stephen H. Lyford	12,547.38
Richard L. Cross	325.00	Thelma Lyford	201.00
Marjorie A. Davie	653.15	Merlond McLoud, Sr.	38.25
Philip P. Defosses	1,908.89	Francis D. McNamara	747.00
William H. Delory III	6,221.52	Rosemarie McNamara	15,286.02
Brian Dickinson	428.80	Robert L. Magoon	443.00
Joan Doggett	182.58	Beverly Manyk	656.50
Mark T. Donoghue	130.00	Grace Marcroft	28.48
Deane Downing	119.00	Norman Marsh	700.00
Theresa Downing	389.50	Thomas E. Marsh	25,043.20
Robert E. Duclos	470.50	Marion K. Merrill	60.00
Edward Dupuis	1,625.00	Arlene L. Mills	11,908.21
Jonathan Dupuis	40.00	John Moore	154.00
Luke Dupuis	222.50	Scott Moore	200.25
Dean M. Eastman	5,322.27	John P. Morgan, Jr.	2,654.34
Diana Farrell	40.00	Kenneth R. Morrell	731.50

Margaret H. Morrell	837.51	Vicki A. Potter	1,901.40
Michael C. Myshrall	96.50	Arthur H. Prince	18,371.60
Guenivere Newton	53.60	Anthony Randall	50.00
David Nichols	351.00	James H. Rollins	850.00
Donald Niles, Jr.	131.20	David Ruell	250.00
Theresa M. Niles	530.70	Arland H. Sawyer	406.50
Raymond L. Normandin	248.50	Ronald G. Shaw	896.57
Richard O'Brien	150.00	Bertha St. Arnauld	35.18
Glen E. Ober	253.50	Thomas B. Stewart	548.50
Mark W. Ober	17,242.14	Fawn K. Stickney	125.00
Susan M. Ober	9,342.15	Robert E. Tucker	825.00
Jeffrey S. Ogden	13.50	Grace Vachon	986.59
Richard Odgen	370.00	Douglas B. Uhlman	292.50
Marcy Page	26.80	Jeffrey S. Uhlman	151.00
David A. Paquette	173.50	Stephen D. Uhlman	200.00
Ernest A. Paquette	18,853.88	Scott N. Weden	12,938.56
Lorraine Paquette	173.10	Frederick W. Welch	8,538.47
Ralph Patterson	61.00	Calvin L. Wills	54.00
Frances Platt	2,059.20	Margaret Winn	33.50
Susan B. Polucha	5,797.10	Thomas D. Winn	250.00
Frank Potter	260.00		
Pamela Potter	32.80	Total Payroll	<hr/> \$291,294.76

Ashland Highway Report

1983

This year, the Highway Department was greatly involved in the sewer reconstruction project that took place on North Main, Gordon, School, Highland, Spring and Cottage Streets. The Department rebuilt the sidewalks on North Main Street, and new curbing was installed in front of Shur-fine Market and the Post Office. Spring Street and portions of Cottage and School Streets were rebuilt and new surfaces were applied.

The final section of gravel road on Highland Street was surfaced this year with T.R.A. funds.

Approximately one-half of the gravel roads in town were graded this year, due to lack of available equipment. I feel that the purchase of a good used grader for the Town would be a wise and much needed investment. Much of the work the department had planned could have been done with a grader.

The Collins Street Bridge was rebuilt this past summer by Evroks Corporation. The bridge is now much safer and can withstand more weight.

Culverts on Howe Road, Owl Brook Road, River and Washington Streets were replaced this year.

I want to thank all of the townspeople for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark W. Ober
Highway Agent

Ashland Electric Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations

\$1,519,700.00

EXPENDITURES

New Construction	20,680.01
Customer Deposits	3,826.49
Stores and Shop	760.67
Substation	4,279.49
Dist. Poles and Anchors	6,505.81
Dist. Primary Conductors	4,268.52
Dist. Secondary	3,960.58
Transformers	4,397.41
Customer Meters	3,114.55
Street Light Equipment	189.04
Office Equipment	1,300.00
General Tools and Equipment	3,080.54
Power Purchased	913,378.89
Superintendence	8,123.21
Maint. Structure & Equipment	4,738.63
Maint. Substation	1,350.29
Maint. Distribution	4,525.29
Maint. Primary	5,815.09
Maint. Secondary Service	3,912.25
Maint. Trees & Right of Way	2,711.62
Maint. Meters & Transformers	2,597.16
Maint. Street Lights	1,780.63
Customer Meter Reading & Collections	3,281.02
Telephone and Postage	2,729.71
Bad Debts, Audit, Utilities, Etc.	3,498.35
Billing and Accounting	7,858.35
Engineering	686.55
Heating Fuel	2,314.61
General Office Salary	3,045.39
Commissioners Salary	1,300.00
Lawyers	500.00
Commissioners Expense	324.25
Maint. Office Equipment	2,012.31
General Office Supply	2,846.59
Insurance	7,901.07
Truck Expense	6,619.50
Social Security Taxes	3,339.97
In Lieu of Taxes	23,100.00
Hydro & Note FHA	8,363.75
Maint. Expenses	5,950.59
Balance	428,731.82

\$1,519,700.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1983	\$ 27,301.10
Balance in Insured Money Checking Account, December 31, 1983	87,717.25
Balance in Savings Account, December 31, 1983	172,275.83
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1983	<hr/> \$259,993.35

1983 Report

This past year the Electric Dept. constructed 575' of new primary line and changed over 29 new poles as a part of system improvement.

A 900KVAR capacitor bank was installed at the sub station to improve power factor and was energized in November.

The roof was recovered and additional supports were installed at the storage shed on Collins St.

Sections of line along the railroad track were trimmed and also sections of Thompson St. and Sanborn Hill.

A 1975 digger truck was purchased to replace our 1966 digger truck.

The hydro plant produced 301,844 KWH and 15,624,000 KWH was purchased.

Thomas E. Marsh, Supt.
Ashland Electric Dept.

Ashland Water Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations	\$52,800.00	\$52,800.00
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EXPENDITURES

Engineering	\$ 1,525.00	
New Services	436.11	
New Hydrants	94.78	
New Meters	2,475.81	
Deposits	248.00	
Superintendence	3,301.44	
Source of Supply	1,705.31	
Purifications - Labor	4,103.57	
Chlorine	559.02	
Tests - Water	352.00	
Power Purchased	770.73	
Water Structure	14.40	
Purifications - Repairs	328.69	
Repairs - Mains	648.40	
Repairs - Services	2,795.52	
Repairs - Hydrants	749.06	
Repairs - Meters	515.60	
Reading Meters	137.24	
Office Clerk Salaries	4,879.11	
Commissioners Salary	650.00	
General Expense	3,143.32	
Heating Fuel	1,292.46	
Insurance	3,907.50	
Stationery & Printing	807.15	
Stores & Shop	570.59	
Truck Expense	1,119.54	
Social Security Taxes	1,209.86	
Balance	14,459.79	\$52,800.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1983	\$ 4,408.47
Balance in Savings Accounts, December 31, 1983	162,290.28
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1983	<hr/> \$166,698.75

The Ashland Water Department added 1 new hydrant on West Street and replaced and relocated 1 hydrant on Main Street. We installed three new services.

The total usage was 47,498,000 gallons of water with a high flow of 231,000 gallons per day and a low flow of 81,000 gallons per day. We used 1002.5 gallons of chlorine.

On October 30, 1983 a group of five people cleaned the reservoir.

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Utility Commissioners are going to bring before the Townspeople a plan to improve the Water Department Water System. We have been approved for a loan and grant totaling \$1,825,000.00. The amount to be borrowed is \$1,050,000.00 for 30 years with an interest rate of 7.18%. We have had a study done, plans drawn up and been ready to go since 1978. In 1978 we brought this up and it was voted down; now the prize has more than doubled. We held numerous meetings during the summer and one was held on February 14, 1984. Letters have been received from the State letting us know that we are in serious trouble and steps have to be taken immediately to remedy the situation. Any interested parties are urged to contact me or go to the Town Office and read the correspondence received.

Wayne L. Hughes
Superintendent

Sanitary Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations

\$283,635.00

\$283,635.00

EXPENDITURES

SEWER:

Mains & Manholes	151,238.47
New Services	910.54
New Equipment	12,699.83
Superintendence	1,527.98
Helper's Salary	1,189.19
Supplies & Expense	178.10
Ejector Sta., Equip. & Main.	2,339.49
Power Ejector Station	655.64
Repairs - Meters	6.89
Meter Reading	235.50
Repairs - Mains, Manholes	942.23
Grit Chamber	9.08
Office Clerk Salary	3,311.02
Office, Sta., Print., Sup.	2,395.29
Insurance	1,279.76
Social Security Taxes	1,386.53
Truck Expense	819.69

PLANT:

Superintendence	1,019.28
Helper's Salary	1,236.59
Chlorine	1,195.00
Fuel	195.44
Hydrogen Chloride Gas	1,870.40
Plant Supplies & Expense	3,259.27
Plant Struc., Equip., Maint.	17,747.68
Laboratory	3,155.73
Electrical Power	35,486.66
Office Clerk Salary	3,366.03
Telephone	731.38
Telephone Alarm	146.25
Insurance	1,279.75
Office Sta., Print., Post.	2,273.60
Social Security Taxes	1,386.61
Outside Maintenance	1,031.94
Truck Expense	848.28
Balance	26,279.88

\$283,635.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1983	\$ (768.52)
Balance in Savings Account, December 31, 1983	6,196.92
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1983	<u>\$5,428.40</u>

The Sanitary Department installed 440' new sewer on Main Street; 330' new sewer on Gordon Street; 518' new sewer on Spring Street; 403' new sewer on Cottage Street; and replaced 1054' on Highland Street; 440' on School Street.

We added five new services this year. We cleaned 70,000 feet of air piping in the lagoon using rolla flex material.

The Ashland Sanitary Department treated 126,007,000 gallons of sewage using 5579 pounds of chlorine. We received 143,000 gallons of sewage from outside sources. From November 1 until April 1 there is no chlorination required.

Wayne L. Hughes
Superintendent

SANITARY CONSTRUCTION 1983

Receipts	
Transfer from Ashland Sanitary Department	\$ 20,376.97
Transfer from Ashland Sanitary Department Savings	140,000.00
Interest Earned	724.18
Town Trustees	100,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$261,101.15</u>
Expenditures	
Expenses	\$158,715.73
Transfer to Town Trustees	100,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$258,715.73</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1983	\$ 2,385.82

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
As of December 31, 1983

Sewer Bonds
(State Guaranteed)
4.4 percent

Amount of Original Issue	\$1,100,000.00
Date of Issue	September 1, 1968
Principal Payable Date	September 1st
Interest Payable Date	March 1st and September 1st
Payable at	Boston Safe Deposit Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

<i>Maturities—</i>	<i>— Total —</i>	
<i>Fiscal Year Ending:</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1983	35,000.00	24,640.00
December 31, 1984	35,000.00	23,100.00
December 31, 1985	35,000.00	21,560.00
December 31, 1986	35,000.00	20,020.00
December 31, 1987	35,000.00	18,480.00
December 31, 1988	35,000.00	16,940.00
December 31, 1989	35,000.00	15,400.00
December 31, 1990	35,000.00	13,860.00
December 31, 1991	35,000.00	12,320.00
December 31, 1992	35,000.00	10,780.00
December 31, 1993	35,000.00	9,240.00
December 31, 1994	35,000.00	7,700.00
December 31, 1995	35,000.00	6,160.00
December 31, 1996	35,000.00	4,620.00
December 31, 1997	35,000.00	3,080.00
December 31, 1998	35,000.00	1,540.00
	\$560,000.00	\$209,440.00

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
As of December 31, 1983

Hydro Electric Bond
5 Percent

Amount of Original Issue	\$100,000.00
Date of Issue	March 5, 1982
Principal Payable Date	September 5th
Principal & Interest Payable Date	March 5th

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1983	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 4,914.00
December 31, 1984	3,450.00	4,742.00
December 31, 1985	3,450.00	4,569.00
December 31, 1986	3,450.00	4,396.00
December 31, 1987	3,450.00	4,224.00
December 31, 1988	3,450.00	4,052.00
December 31, 1989	3,450.00	3,879.00
December 31, 1990	3,450.00	3,706.00
December 31, 1991	3,450.00	3,534.00
December 31, 1992	3,450.00	3,362.00
December 31, 1993	3,450.00	3,189.00
December 31, 1994	3,450.00	3,016.00
December 31, 1995	3,450.00	2,844.00
December 31, 1996	3,450.00	2,672.00
December 31, 1997	3,450.00	2,499.00
December 31, 1998	3,450.00	2,326.00
December 31, 1999	3,450.00	2,154.00
December 31, 2000	3,450.00	1,982.00
December 31, 2001	3,450.00	1,809.00
December 31, 2002	3,450.00	1,636.00
December 31, 2003	3,450.00	1,464.00
December 31, 2004	3,450.00	1,292.00
December 31, 2005	3,450.00	1,119.00
December 31, 2006	3,450.00	946.00
December 31, 2007	3,450.00	774.00
December 31, 2008	3,450.00	602.00
December 31, 2009	3,450.00	429.00
December 31, 2010	3,450.00	256.00
December 31, 2011	3,400.00	85.00
	\$100,000.00	\$72,472.00

Town Deeds List

Description	Recorded at: Woodsville		
Ashland Bathing Beach - Leavitt Rd.	Vol.	863; Pg.	431
Easement - Water Main Extension- Thompson St. (Norman)	Book	815; Pg.	279
Playground deeds; No. Main St.	Lib.	562; Fol.	119
Sullivan	Book	826; Pg.	71
Spaulding	Lib.	969; Fol.	156
Kilpatrick	Book	770; Pg.	328
Brown	Lib.	425; Fol.	82
Firemen's Hall and land-S. Main Hillside Ave.	Vol.	959; Pg.	75
Road to Cross-Gray Property-off River St.			
Land - Between Beatrice Hill's &	Lib.	471; Fol.	126
Squam River - River St.	Lib.	939; Fol.	225
Cottage Place	Lib.	973; Fol.	358
Water Works Deed	Book	92; Pg.	304
Sawmill Property (See partial sale to			
Squam Lakes Association 8-66)	Book	480; Pg.	1
Electric Company purchase	Lib.	541; Pg.	484
Substation Right-of-way - Hussey Land	Lib.	1003; Fol.	10
Cote-Gould Land - Collins St.	Lib.	1016; Fol.	222
Spaulding Land - No. Main St.	Lib.	1032; Fol.	378
Main Street Deed - Garage	Lib.	661; Fol.	84
Hill Terrace	Grafton County		
Flag Area - Main - River Sts.	Lib.	664; Fol.	79
Triangle of land at Collins St. Bridge	Lib.	658; Fol.	267
Jackson Pond - Berry Land	Lib.	1077; Fol.	598
Jackson Pond - Berry Land	Belknap County		
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	Vol.	92; Pg.	321
Jackson Pond - Flowage & Drainage Rights			& 322
Reservoir-Plaisted land - right-of-way for main	Book	89; Pg.	4
Reservoir Road and right-of-way - Plaisted	Book	92; Pg.	339
Reservoir Road and right-of-way - Berry			& 340
Land Carr Avenue	Book	336; Pg.	526
Reservoir Road and right-of-way - Plaisted	Book	104; Pg.	387
Reservoir Road and right-of-way - Berry	Book	104; Pg.	388
Land Carr Avenue	Book	1491; Pg.	545

Jackson Pond-Thompson land - flowage & Drainage Rights	Vol. 92; Pg. 272
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	Vol. 92; Pg. 270 & 271
Town clock Deed	Recorded Town Clerk Book-May 22, 1894
Knapp Property - No. Main St.	Lib. 1087; Fol. 510
Marine Land - Corner River-Main Sts.	Lib. 1099; Fol. 430
Sirles Land - Main St.	Lib. 1099; Fol. 429
Whipple Property - Pleasant St.	Lib. 1120; Fol. 106
Land Fill Property	Lib. 1142; Fol. 551
Towne Property - So. Main St.	Lib. 1204; Fol. 415
Town Hall Deed	Book 319; Pg. 514
Scribner Memorial Library	Vol. 146; Pg. 122
Luff Land - Intersection at So. Main and Mill Sts.	Lib. 1267; Fol. 264
Main Street - Town Garage	Lib. 712; Fol. 169

Revenue Sharing 1983

Fund Balance, December 31, 1982	\$17,943.85
Receipts 1983	30,198.00
Interest 1983	1,716.67
Operating & Maintenance Expense 1983	(30,020.00)
Encumbered: Office Equipment	<u>(2,674.29)</u>
Fund Balance December 31, 1983	\$17,164.23

Reconciliation: Savings Account

December 31, 1983

Savings Book, Meredith Village Savings Bank #48327	\$17,164.23
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Report of Trust And Capital Reserve Funds

Town of Ashland
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1983

				-PRINCIPAL-			-INCOME-			
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	Gains or (Losses)	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
CEMETERY FUND:										
Various	Perpetual	Cemetery Care	MVSB	8,964.28		8,964.28		740.66	740.66	
Various	Various	Cemetery Care	MVSB	1,531.38		1,531.38	129.35	145.86	112.98	162.23
	Total Cemetery Fund			10,495.66		10,495.66	129.35	886.52	853.64	162.23
LIBRARY FUNDS:										
3/8/77	Pauline Packard	Library Books	Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	1,000.00		1,000.00		130.53	130.53	
8/7/74	Cheney Fund	Library Books	MVSB	500.00		500.00		54.72	54.72	
11/26/26	Ordway Fund	Library Books	MVSB	1,391.88		1,391.88	108.12	109.60	109.60	108.12
	Total Library Funds			2,891.88		2,891.88	108.12	294.85	294.85	108.12
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS										
SCHOLARSHIPS										
8/18/78	Edward Doggett Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	2,000.00		2,000.00	58.24	228.28	175.00	111.52
	Memorial Funds Donated By:									
	Memorial Park Beautification Comm.									
	Ashland Chamber of Commerce	Maintenance	Bank Deposit	6,635.27		7,535.27	688.31	980.84		1,669.15
	Total Misc. Funds			8,635.27		9,535.27	746.55	1,209.12	175.00	1,780.67
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS										
9/26/51	Capital Reserve	Fire Truck	Bank Deposit	5,000.00		5,000.00	2,017.71	443.57		2,461.28
11/21/62	Capital Reserve	Highway Truck Sanitary	Bank Deposit	7,500.00	(7,500.00)		2,158.76	58.51	1,648.51	568.76
3/8/77	Capital Reserve	Main Extension	Bank Deposit	113,780.85	(57,450.00)	56,330.85	84,257.27	18,481.05	42,550.00	60,188.72

3/8/77	Capital Reserve	Fire Alarm	Bank Deposit	15,033.03	(4,000.00)	11,033.03			1,199.21	1,199.21
	Total Capital Reserve			141,313.88	(68,950.00)	72,363.88	88,433.74	20,182.34	44,198.51	64,417.57
	TOTAL FUNDS			163,336.69	(68,950.00)	95,286.69	89,417.76	22,572.83	45,522.00	66,468.59

Ashland Police Report

1983

1983 was a good year for the department. We had no major crimes. The officers of the Department did a very fine job this year. Again, this year I am keeping the report brief, so as to save printing expenses.

The Lions Club donated a PRINT MASTER FINGER PRINTING MACHINE, to the Department, which also will be used by Holderness. This was the request of the Lions Club. The school children K-6 grades were all finger printed by Sgt. Guyotte.

Because of one old Portable, continuously breaking down, a new radio was purchased by trading the old and the Special Officers donated to the new one.

The Town has been fortunate over the years, to have the Specials, to raise money and help buy needed equipment.

These officers also put in many unpaid hours.....

This year we plan on buying some new Firearms and want to replace some of the older guns, which are being used by the Specials. Some of these guns are antiques. We must do this because of the Liability of the Town.

The Officers of the Department completed their first course on FIRE ARMS QUALIFICATION. This will be a yearly course.

The Specials have completed a course on ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS.

TOTAL COURT CASES	223
Superior Court	3
State Hospital	4 (Commitments)
Motor Veh. Warnings	92
Parking Tickets	50
MV Accts.	46
Collection Bad Cks.	\$4,280.62
Court Fines-Ply. District Court	\$9,440.00
False Alarms answered	76
Other Depts. Assist	19
Property Checks	22

Unlocked Doors, Windows	22
Domestic Disturbances	32
Animals Complaints	113
Public Assist	58
Telephone Calls 1982	929
Telephone Calls 1983	1101
Radio Calls 1982	6506
Radio Calls 1983	6983
Mileage on present Cruisers	
1979 Buick	102,340 miles
1982 Ford	48,744 miles

Telephone calls received at Ashland Police Dept. and my home are not included in the above figure.

Again we thank the citizens for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted
Ernest A. Paquette
Chief of Police

OFFICERS

CHIEF: ERNEST A. PAQUETTE
SERGEANT: KENNETH GUYOTTE
OFFICER: NORMAN SCOTT WEDEN

CLERK/MATRON

SUSAN B. POLUCHA

SPECIAL OFFICERS

OFFICER: PAUL HOLT
OFFICER: FRANCIS MCNAMARA
OFFICER: KENNETH BANDILLA
OFFICER: PHILIP DEFOSSES
OFFICER: DEAN EASTMAN
OFFICER: SCOTT MOORE

Ashland Fire Department

1983

The Ashland Fire Department has changed greatly over the past ten years. The most obvious change was the tearing down of the old station with its sloping floor and completion of the new one which was dedicated formally in 1976. That same year the Fireman's Association acquired a sixteen-foot metal boat with a trailer and 40 hp motor and christened it "The Chiefie Dear."

In 1978 Ashland hosted the 81st Annual State Convention of Firefighters including tours of the woolen mill, the business meetings and elections, a parade, and a banquet and dance at Jellystone. State officials were impressed by the success of the weekend with the short notice received and minimal cost incurred, especially for such a small Department.

The new diesel "Mack" truck arrived in 1979 after many years of planning and final approval by the townspeople to provide the financing. More recently, the Department has acquired a Jaws of Life donated by L. W. Packard Woolen Mill Company and a Utility Van financed by donations from various companies and individuals as well as appropriation of the townspeople. The Utility Van carries emergency medical equipment and is used as the command post for all incidents.

The overflowing trophy case is proof of the successful participation of our firemen and their wives or girlfriends in the many events of musters ranging from Plymouth to Effingham as well as various parade awards for our trucks. Not so dramatic, but most worthwhile was formation of the Charitable Fund for tax-exempt donations by companies and individuals as well as the annual Scholarship.

A Fast Squad with a present enrollment of six Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) has been established. This requires extensive schooling initially as well as frequent refresher courses to be attended by each of the individuals involved. As many in town will attest, their training has made a difference on more than one occasion.

Annual auctions, dances, 4th of July booths and other events to raise funds as well as updating the bylaws along with donations of time and money to town activities and charities makes for a busy ten years. Yet most importantly there was always time to do a superb job of fighting fires, attending medical emergencies and even rescuing dogs and cattle from the ice or freeing a bluejay from a church.

Thank you to all the men who have been part of the Department during my term as Chief. Special thanks to my wife for helping with the refreshments for late night fires and mutual aid drills and spending many evenings reading in the truck waiting for a meeting to end.

My sincere wishes that no lives will be lost and that all fires will be small.

1983 CALLS

Medical Emergencies	59	Gas Washdown	4
Car Fires	4	Smoke Investigation	3
Chimney Fires	20	Telephone Pole Fire	1
False Alarms	3	Dump	7
Dog Rescues	1	Hay in Barn	1
Mutual Aids	26	Electrical	1
Structures	3	Flooded Oil Burner	1
Trash Can Fire	1	Alarm Investigation	4
Irresponsible Discard of Ashes	1		

Total Incidents: 140

Respectfully submitted,
Norman E. Lyford,
Fire Chief 1974-1984

Report Of Town Forest Fire Warden And State Forest Ranger

Once again, our cooperative town and state forest fire prevention and control program leads the nation in least acres burned per forest fire. Less than one-half acre per fire statewide average.

At the town level, your Forest Fire Warden is responsible for the prevention and control of all grass and woods fires when the ground is not snow covered.

Forest fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this written permit from the town Fire Warden before kindling the fire. Any person that does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to a court appearance and could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permit will be issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is raining. The reason for this is twofold: the fire danger increases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This happens because the sun dries out the fine fuels that are easily ignited and dries the air which permits rapid fire spread. Also during this part of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most communities so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage before being suppressed.

Your cooperation in burning only when conditions are safe is greatly appreciated.

As Smokey says, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

1983 STATISTICS

	STATE	DISTRICT	CITY/TOWN
No. of Fires	779	44	0
No. of Acres	348	30½	0

E. Sven Carlson
Forest Ranger

Report Of The Planning Board

1983

As always, much of the Planning Board's time was spent dealing with subdivisions. The Board held hearings and acted on ten subdivision applications during the year. One proposal was withdrawn by the developer, while the others were accepted by the Board, although sometimes with modifications. The Board also corresponded or met with three other potential subdividers, who have yet to make formal proposals. In addition, the Board took action regarding three former subdivisions that are no longer valid. In September, the Board amended the subdivision regulations, so that the burden of upgrading public highways to serve new subdivisions could be placed on the developer, not the Town. The Board may now require, when the circumstances demand it, that the developer improve existing streets within or abutting the subdivision, or upgrade the access road leading to a subdivision, if the access road is a private right of way, a Class VI road, or an inadequate street.

State law now requires anyone constructing or rebuilding any driveway, exit, or entrance onto a public highway to obtain a permit from the state highway department, if a state highway is involved, or from the local planning board, if a town road is involved. Therefore, in September, the Board adopted a set of driveway regulations. The regulations, developed with the assistance of the Highway Agent, incorporate the standards established by the legislature, and additional standards to protect the safety of the traveling public and the Town's investment in its highways. Anyone wishing to construct a new driveway, or to substantially alter the size or grade of an existing driveway, must submit an application with a sketch map to the Planning board. After an inspection by the Highway Agent, the Board will approve, disapprove, or approve with changes, the proposal. Applications and copies of the regulations may be obtained at the Town Office. (Driveway construction on private property outside the public right of way is, of course, not subject to these regulations and does not require a permit.) Three driveway construction permits have already been granted by the Planning Board.

Work continued on the Master Plan. The Lakes Region Planning Commission submitted drafts of the Community Facilities, Housing, Historic Resources, Economic Development, and Future Land Use chapters. (The only section remaining to be drafted is the Capital Improvement Program.) A public hearing was held jointly with the Chamber of Commerce on the

Downtown Improvements Study. The Planning Board is still reviewing the newer sections, but will, hopefully, present them to the public for comment in the near future. In December, the LRPC submitted a draft of a proposed zoning ordinance, which the Board has begun to consider.

At the 1983 Town Meeting, the voters approved the amendments to the offstreet parking ordinance proposed by the Planning Board. This year also saw the construction of the new municipal parking lot on the site of the old town garage.

At the 1984 Town Meeting, the Planning Board will submit two proposals to the voters. One would amend both the Building Code and the Environmental Ordinance to require that septic systems be built at least 125 feet from surface water. This septic system setback has been recommended by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, after consultation with the soil scientists of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, for all communities in the Lakes Region. As Ashland has poor soils, such as wetlands, floodplains, and rapidly permeable soils, bordering much of its waterways, we have particular need for this protection. (Especially worrisome are the rapidly permeable soils, the sand and gravel deposits through which effluent has been found to travel long distances.) This change may prevent or, at least, delay the need to build costly public sewers to service areas where ill placed private septic systems have not worked.

The second proposal would authorize the Planning Board to prepare a capital improvements program for the Town. Such a plan of the Town's capital expenditures for the next six to ten years is a contemplated section of the Master Plan, and had become a goal of both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. The last legislature passed legislation that, for the first time, established, a procedure for municipal capital improvements programs. The new state law requires that a capital improvements program be authorized by a vote of the Town Meeting, and that it be prepared by the local planning board. Municipal departments would be required to submit projections of capital expenditures for the proposed period to the Planning Board. The Board, after consultation with all involved in the budget process, would prepare a recommended capital budget for the period, ranking the various projects according to need and urgency. Each year, the Board would update this budget and submit its recommendations for that year to the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. A capital improvements program is strictly advisory. No one involved in the budget process, neither the town departments, the Utility Commission, the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, nor the voters, are obliged to abide by its recommendations. However, a good capital improvements program can be very useful,

helping to bring stability to the Town Budget, by evening out major necessary expenditures over a six to ten year period. By building foresight into the budget process, the program could forestall future problems.

The Planning Board was stable in 1983, ending the year with the same members, officers and staff that it began with. On behalf of the Ashland Planning Board, I would like to end this report by thanking all who helped the Board to perform its duties during the year, and all the members of the Board who gave of their time and thought in 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ruell, Chairman

Report Of The Building Inspector 1983

This past year Ashland has seen the completion of the new Burger King and the Maine Post and Beam office building along with the construction of seven other buildings. Cold Spring Resorts had five new buildings but two permits were revoked for non-compliance with the state laws.

Renovations and alterations numbered twenty three. Mobile homes amounted to three along with thirty five building permits. Electrical permits, a total of thirty six, plumbing twenty six and oil burner permits, a total of three.

Again my thanks to all departments and town officials for their help and assistance in 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
George M. Bagge
Building Inspector

Report Of The Health Officer

1983

1983 was a much busier year than 1982. Complaints investigated this past year included two water supply complaints from tenants, a garbage odor complaint, and another tenant complaint about mice, ants and an unidentified foul odor. Three sewage system complaints were also investigated. Fortunately, only one septic system was found to be actually failing. The building in question has since been vacated and will not be reoccupied until the system is repaired. The most troublesome complaint was a perennial horse manure problem. The situation was somewhat alleviated in September, when the Highway Department removed eight truckloads of manure from the site. The Town is now attempting to recover the costs of the manure removal from the property owner. During the year, I also did two state inspections (for a foster child home and a day care center) and met with a group of local and state officials to discuss a possible restaurant site.

In closing, I would like to thank the selectmen, the town administrator and the town office staff, the building inspector, the town counsel, the highway agent and the highway department, the superintendent of the sanitary department, and state health officials for their assistance in 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ruell
Health Officer

Report Of The Overseer Of Welfare 1983

During 1983, the following assistance was provided:

Food Orders - 5

Rent Payments - 6

Medical bills - 2

This year we were able to establish a work program where recipients could work off benefits received. Several people were referred to other agencies for help.

New guidelines were set up this year which help in establishing amounts to be expended.

Anyone requiring emergency assistance may apply at the Town Office during regular office hours Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted:
Marjorie Davie

Ashland Town Library 1983

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1983	\$2,030.39	
1983 Approp.	8,500.00	
Misc. Income	846.64	
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		\$11,377.03

Disbursements

Books purchased	3,437.99
Magazines	642.46
Supplies	86.38
Misc.	94.01

Salaries

Librarians		
Frances Platt	1,921.39	
Clara Cilley	1,921.39	
Soc. Sec.	551.87	
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		8,655.49

Balance per ck. book 12/31/83	2,197.19
Cash on hand	524.35
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Balance on hand 12/31/83	2,721.54

Bank Accounts

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Cheney Acc. 1/1/83	603.97	
Dep. & Int.	96.95	
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Balance on hand 12/31/83	700.92
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Ordway Acc. 1/1/83	747.65	
Dep. & Int.	105.20	
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Balance on hand 12/31/83	852.85
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Pauline Packard Trust Fund 1/1/83	474.15	
Dep. & Int.	175.41	
Withdrawal	174.86	
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Balance on hand 12/31/83	474.70
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	Circulation	Books Loaned
Adults	1756	4162
Juveniles	887	2175

Petty Cash Report
January 1 - December 31, 1983

Balance on hand January 1, 1983	\$ 5.69
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Income

Copier	\$110.40	
Fines	18.33	
Donations	2.00	
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Total income		130.73
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Total income for year		\$136.42

Expenses

Desk Supplies	\$ 3.42	
Postage Stamps	8.89	
Stamps	3.46	
Books	8.95	
Telephone call	.85	
General Fund	85.00	
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Total expenses		\$110.57

Income for year 1983	\$136.42
Less expenses	110.57
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Balance on hand December 31, 1983	\$ 25.85

Ashland Town Library

Trustees Report 1983

It's been another busy year for the library. The increases shown both in adult and juvenile book borrowing is encouraging. Use of the copier and typewriter by the townspeople has been steadily increasing.

It was with regret that we learned the bookmobile would no longer be coming. The additional books which the bookmobile brought helped greatly in keeping our readers supplied with more books to choose from.

We express our appreciation to the Scribner Trustees for their continued support and especially for the new furniture in our main library room. Also, our appreciation once again to Dorothy Dupuis for the interesting bulletin boards. We look forward to each new month with anticipation. The trustees also wish to thank each one who helped make a charming and lovely place to visit over the Christmas holidays.

It is with special appreciation that we acknowledge the surprise gift of \$500.00 to be used for the purchase of books. What a nice way to end the year.

Library Trustees
Lorraine Marsh, Chm.
Sheila Page
Beverly Manyk

Scribner Trustees Report

1983

The year 1983 proved to be another successful year. Items worthy of noting are: new sofa and wing chairs for the main floor, expanded exterior Christmas lighting, extensive pruning of the trees and shrubs, a complete set of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and increased use of the facility by local civic groups.

FINANCIAL REPORT as of December 31, 1983

Balance 12/31/82	\$144,719.75
Receipts	20,373.33
Transfers	16,276.45
Expenditures	17,309.19
Transfers	16,276.45
Balance 12/31/83	<u>\$147,783.89</u>

Proof of Balance

Balance:	
Meredith Village Savings Bank Money Market a/c 095-34020	13,472.61
Meredith Village Savings Bank New Account a/c 023-479801	1,370.18
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Certificate of Deposit a/c 071-001014	132,829.39
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Savings Account	11.71
Petty Cash - in Hands of Officials	100.00
Total	<u>\$147,783.89</u>

SCRIBNER TRUSTEES:

Richard Ash
Edward Dupuis
Raymond Burke, Sr.
Richard Ogden
Richard O'Brien

Ashland Parks and Recreation

The Ashland Parks and Recreation Department completed a very successful year in 1983.

All of the facilities were used extensively by the people, and we conducted an outstanding children's summer program due to the efforts of Mrs. Patricia Heinz and her assistants.

The addition of the new little league diamond at Packard Field was made possible by contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morton and the Ashland Sports Booster Club.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the citizens of Ashland for their support of our programs.

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

Fourth of July Report

1983 Celebration

Receipts

Interest on accounts in Meredith Village Savings Bank, January to December, 1983 (less \$3 service charge)	\$ 238.89
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Appropriation, Town of Ashland	\$ 500.00
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Chamber of Commerce Activities

Food Sale	\$ 310.50	
Food Booth Profit	1,255.26	
Beer Booth Profit	744.92	
Chicken Barbecue Profit	459.25	
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Concessions

1983 Returns	\$ 613.04	
1981-2 Payment	56.21	
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Total Amount Raised in 1983	\$4,178.07
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Expenditures

Fireworks Display and Detonation	\$2,200.00	
Parade Expenses	670.04	
Entertainment, July 2, 3, 4	823.00	
Games	22.00	
Sanitary Facilities, July 2, 3, 4	99.33	
Advertising	292.40	
Net Cost of Fund-raising Merchandise	585.48	
Miscellaneous	22.28	
	<hr/>	\$4,714.53

Total Expenditures for 1983	
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Net Difference	-\$ 536.46 *
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Cash on hand, January 1, 1983	\$3,444.54
Amount Raised, 1983	4,178.07
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Total Funds Available	\$7,622.61
Less Expenditures, 1983	4,714.53
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Cash Balance, December 31, 1983	\$2,908.08
(In Cash Manager Account and NOW Account, Meredith Village Savings Bank)	

*This apparent loss is more than offset by an inventory of fund-raising merchandise on hand for 1984.

The 1983 celebration extended over three days on the hottest weekend in memory. Crowds exceeded any of years past except during the searing hours of the day, when they dwindled to nothing. Entertainment was provided on three evenings.

Although costs for the year exceeded income for the year, there remains an inventory of hats, t-shirts, etc. which more than balances the difference. It was advantageous to purchase in larger quantities.

The co-chairmen, Alex Ray and Sam Laverack, worked harder than ever with the help of many others, notably Patricia Provencher on the parade and Dorothy Porter on the Food Booth. Suzanne Samyn continued her work with publicity and the talent show, aided in the latter by Arthur Harriman, Keith Brush, and Al Gould. Kaye Harriman chaired another successful Food Sale featuring the products of countless local cooks.

Appreciation is extended to all who helped and to all the businesses which contributed prizes or redeemed the "Ashland Bucks" used for prizes, accepting discounts from twenty to one hundred percent.

Mary W. Ruell, Treasurer

Ashland Memorial Park

Financial Report

Balance in Checking and Savings

Accounts 1-1-83 \$1,027.40

Income

Bike-a-thon and other \$1,768.98

Delia Rogers Memorial 69.00

Louise Brock Gift 500.00

Pauline Glidden Gift 378.00

Gifts toward purchase
of Havlock property 4,750.00

\$1,027.40 \$7,465.98 = \$8,493.38

Outgo - 1983

To Trust Fund \$ 900.00

Havlock Property Purchase 5,269.58

Maintenance 721.48

\$6,891.06 6,891.06

Balance in bank accounts 1-1-84

\$1,602.32

Trust Fund

Principal & Interest 1-1-83 \$7,323.58

Principal added 1983 900.00

Total 1-1-84 \$8,223.58 + Interest

Balance due on former

Havlock property \$7,500.00 @ 13.5 Interest

The Ashland Memorial Park continues to be a source of pride to our town. It has improved our image and encouraged new business investments here.

The Memorial Park Committee had an opportunity to purchase a portion of the property on Riverside Drive formerly owned by Richard and Maureen Havlock and now owned by David Colburn. We have entered into an agreement with David to purchase that half abutting the existing Memorial Park property, subject to sub-division approval. The agreement specifies that no buildings can ever be erected on any portion of the former Havlock property and that it will be landscaped and maintained as a green area, thus opening up the charm and beauty of the Squam River to the public.

Payment of this new acquisition will be made by donations, proceeds of the annual bike-a-thon and other money making endeavors.

We are pleased that for the first time we were able to use the living Christmas tree, thereby saving the town some money and inconvenience, and a flowering crab tree was donated by the family of Lawson and Pauline Glidden in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. What a fine way to honor a couple who have always been Ashland boosters and have taken a special interest in the Memorial Park. We call your attention also to the new benches down near the water where you can sit and enjoy the river and watch the ducks as they cavort in the water. These were a gift from Pauline and Lawson who hope you will use them to get the maximum enjoyment out of the park.

Again, we owe much to the whole town which has supported the annual bike-a-thon so well. Our sincere thanks to the bikers, the donors and the workers. We also wish to thank Steve Orlich who takes care of the park so conscientiously. We are fortunate to have him. Have you noticed an elderly gentleman helping? It is Archie Dunham, an octogenarian who moved to town and offered his services and who has spent many volunteer hours helping in the park and flagpole area. Thank you Archie. It's people like you who make a grassroots project like this one possible.

Memorial Park Committee
Pauline Glidden
Katherine Harriman
James Rollins
Mary Ruell
Marion Merrill

Ashland Historical Society

Report for 1983

This was the year of home-grown programs, based on the research of Society members. Doris Tatham, James Rollins and David Ruell have done considerable research on local cemeteries, including Greengrove. Using material which will eventually be published, a program was presented by Messrs. Rollins and Ruell.

These gentlemen also gave an illustrated talk on the architecture of several Ashland buildings, utilizing the historical survey in the Master Plan and data prepared for National Register nominations. To date, six local buildings have been so designated: Ashland Town Hall, Elementary School (now the Junior High), Whipple House, Railroad Station, Baptist Church and Vestry, and the Grist Mill.

Using slides produced from old photographs by Malcolm (Tink) Taylor, Mary Ruell presented a program on the Asquam Transportation Company, which once carried passengers from the railroad station to their destinations around the lakes.

Another program involved the reading of excerpts from the Ashland newspapers of 1883, researched by David Ruell from the archives of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

The twelfth annual Flea Market was especially successful and featured a raffle on an afghan made by Adine Wilder and an auction run by Robert Proulx.

At the Christmas party with the Chamber of Commerce, the contributions made to the community by Suzanne Samyn were noted.

The holder of the Boston Post cane as the oldest citizen for the past few years was Delia Rogers, who passed away at the age of 96. A small replica of the cane, made by Robert Roby, has been presented to Mrs. Vernie Young, widow of Otis Young, who now holds the honor.

The Ninety-Plus Club riding in the July 4 parade included Margaret Blake, Maude Bastow, Julia Griffin, and Adine Wilder.

The Society has lost good friends in the permanent move to Florida of Ruth and Chester Landry. They have been extraordinarily good neighbors to the Whipple House. Chester also served as president of the Society in 1975. A plaque and copy of the new New Hampshire history were sent them with the appreciation and best wishes of all.

Two volumes of interest to the Society were published this year. A thoroughly researched study by David Ruell on "Birdseye Views of New Hampshire" was published by the New Hampshire Historical Society as the entire contents of its quarterly, "Historical New Hampshire," and under separate cover as a catalog and adjunct to its traveling exhibit of birds eye views being displayed at several locations throughout the year. The other is the work of Ronald and Grace Jager of Washington, N.H., called "New Hampshire: an Illustrated History of the Granite State." It appeals to the layman and is copiously illustrated. The Society presented a copy to the Ashland School Library, and many members have purchased personal copies.

In addition to considerable painting and minor repairs, the most ambitious project at the Whipple House was the resodding and sloping of the lawn around the building and the placement of granite splash pads to deflect water away from the building.

Plans have been made and supplies purchased to replace the board fence which historically separated the Whipple property from the "Nook" on the north side. This will provide greater privacy for both the museum and its neighbors. The rail fence along the south side was repaired and missing rails and iron work replaced.

Work was also done to preserve the large oak tree near the house and the only remaining elm at the rear.

Several prized documents have been taken to the Northeast Document Conservation Center. These include three original (1883) birdseye views of Ashland, a Shepard family record, and a large print of George Washington given to George Hoyt in recognition of a donation toward the building fund for the Washington Monument.

For the second year, the fourth and ninth grades studying New Hampshire history have visited the Whipple House. The summer program of visiting hours on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons seems to be satisfactory, although it is obvious that more visitors could be accommodated if it were possible to be open each day. Bobette Glidden was the gracious hostess this summer, when about 250 persons enjoyed the museum. Frances Platt and others frequently assisted.

The Society is always eager to accept any material of local or historical interest for the museum and to welcome more members to help carry on its important and fascinating work. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the months from April through November — all are welcome.

Mary W. Ruell, President

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Annual Report

The Town of Ashland is one of twenty-seven member communities which form the Lakes Region Planning Commission. These communities have been strongly committed to using the regional planning agency, both for consultations and as a vehicle of inter-local cooperation.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission currently receives no funding from State government, receiving its funds almost entirely through local sources, contract services and from some federal grants, such as Historic Preservation.

The Commission continues to provide a wide range of services to its member communities. Local assistance provided to the Town of Ashland during the past year included: typing and printing 100 copies of the Town's Planning and Building Regulations and Ordinances; provided research and information collection to nominate local buildings for the National Register of Historic Places; continued preparation of the second-year phase of the Town's Master Plan, and typed and printed copies of the Planning Board's Driveway Regulations and Permit Forms.

The Commission also worked on several regional projects which provide direct or indirect benefit to the Town. Some of these activities include: a marketing study for the Concord-to-Lincoln Railroad Line, aimed at improving the line's profitability and attracting industrial development to appropriate locations along the rail line; organized the Lakes Region Solid Waste District in order that local communities comply with new State Solid Waste Legislation; served as a regional office for U.S. Census and Housing data and responded to numerous requests for this information; provided a conservation easement program to assist landowners and communities to establish conservation easements; completed a handbook for solar additions for manufactured housing and mobile homes and co-sponsored the annual Law Lecture Series for local public officials on New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulations.

Lakes Region Association

Report of the Executive Secretary

July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

The Lakes Region Association brought together five Chambers of Commerce in the Region for a Cooperative Advertising/Mailing Program. Under a formular system it was set up so that each of the Chambers could participate at whatever level it was within their reach either financially or brochure wise. This program used \$9,150. of cooperative funds and requested a State Matching Grant of a like amount giving us \$18,300. for white space advertising and a total of \$28,560. for the entire program, including expenses of mailing literature directly to those interested parties. This program stimulated over 36,000 individual requests, a record amount at less than 42¢ each. This program is the envy of other areas, and is now being copied.

Spring, while we were servicing these inquiries, our Lakes Region Attractions group were not to be out-done. They, too, planned a Television advertising program, raised \$12,000. of their own money and requested and obtained a Matching Grant for another \$12,000. This well-designed program was used in the Greater Boston/Providence area to encourage the day tripper, as well as the longer time vacationer. This was also most successful. They again published and distributed 620M of their brochure and work hard to keep the public informed that this is an excellent location for a vacation or a seasonal or year round home area.

We continue to publish annually the Where To In The Lakes Region book; the Navigational Charts of several of our Lakes; guide new commercial property owners in management and promotion of their property; work with the many state agencies; and are active with the N.H. Travel Council, and N.H. Hospitality Association.

The Lakes Region Association seeks to preserve the quality of life we have here in our special part of New Hampshire. We want to maintain and preserve our natural resources, our lakes, our fields, and forests, so that they can be enjoyed by not only those of us that live here, but also those that visit our Region.

I have faith in our communities, their judgement and their ideals and know the Lakes Region Association will continue to work comfortably with our communities to mutual goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred A. Beach, Exec. Sec.
The Lakes Region Association

The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency

1983

The home care service is fast becoming more useful to the community in all health services. Below are a list of what the Pemi Baker Home Health Agency offers:

Skilled Nursing is performed in the home by registered nurses under orders from a physician and covers hypodermics, catheter care, blood pressure and diabetic screenings, filling diabetic syringes, colostomy care, tracheostomy care, dressings, family instruction in patient care and supervision of medications.

Physical Therapy is delivered in the home by a registered physical therapist under physician's orders and covers ambulation, range of motion and other therapeutic exercises.

Speech Therapy is delivered in the home by a registered speech pathologist under physician's orders and administers diagnostic speech and language evaluations, and administers communication skills to the patient with speech, language and auditory problems.

Occupational therapy is delivered in the home by a registered occupational therapist who provides treatment, under a physician's order, concerned with improving or restoring functions which have been impaired by illness or injury and which will improve the individual's ability to perform those tasks required for independent functioning.

Personal care of the patient is delivered by trained home health aides and covers patient's baths, shampoo, foot care, catheter care, and maintenance of the patient's room.

Trained Homemakers are sent into the home, when needed, to do light housekeeping, errands, shopping and/or simply to give supportive emotional help to the lonely.

Office staff maintains all fiscal records, payroll, monthly billings, assists the Board in preparation of the annual budget, records and tallies all statistical information.

Hospice provides support to the family of a terminally ill patient by relieving the primary carer for short periods of time. The Agency nurses

and/or aides may be in the home to tend the needs of the patient and the hospice volunteer becomes the backup support service to the family.

Car Seat Safety program provides infant and toddler seats to those in need.

Blood pressure clinics held in various locations to enable all member towns to participate in free blood pressure clinics. Free diabetic screenings done twice yearly.

Immunization clinics held bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at the American Legion in Plymouth. This free clinic is attended by a local physician.

1983 Agency in Review

We have been at our new location on 94 Highland Street for two years now and we have had our parking lot paved and a roof added over our ramp for protection to those entering our office. Our hospice program is well under way and another training session is being considered. We have added several new staff members — Jill Martin R.N. of Hebron, Beverly Keeney, Aide of Plymouth and Joan Hart, Aide of Lincoln. This brings our total staff from three in 1967 to fourteen in 1983.

During this past year, the Agency supplied the Town of Ashland the following services:

Total Visits Made	1,465
Skilled Nursing Home Visits	552
Physical Therapy	43
Speech Therapy	19
Occupational Therapy	1
Home Health Aide	81
Homemaker	769
# of Car Seats loaned out	7

Blood Pressure Clinics: 1st Thursday every Month at the Ashland Baptist Church 1:30. 403 People Attending. 71 People were referred to Physicians.

Diabetic Screening: Twice Yearly. 32 People Attended.

Immunization Clinics: Held bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at the American Legion in Plymouth for all member towns. 62 Immunizations given to Ashland.

Laurent J. Ruell, Representative

New Hampshire Humane Society

The 1983 totals of the number of animals from the Town of Ashland brought to the N.H. Humane Society shelter are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:

Dogs and Puppies	8
Cats and Kittens	10
Total	<hr/> 18

From Ashland Residents:

Dogs and Puppies	23
Cats and Kittens	33
Total	<hr/> 56

Total Number of Dogs, Pups, Cats, Kittens from the Town	74
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Every town has stray and animal problems. We encourage the Town of Ashland, especially the animal control officer, to use our services more in 1984.

Sincerely,
Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director

Report of the Grafton County Commissioners

We appreciate this opportunity to more directly communicate with our taxpaying citizens through their annual town/city reports.

Because of our July 1st fiscal year, it is hard to anticipate the local tax impact of the county budget. The Commissioners are accountable to the public and taxpayers, and accordingly are extremely conscious of meeting the citizens' needs adequately and efficiently, yet as economically as possible. However, we are faced with similar budgeting dilemmas as towns and cities. Real budget concerns are created by the federal and state mandated programs and services without supporting funds or local control, and the increased demand for services while attempting to hold down budgets and taxes. We all must maintain a close relationship with our legislators. The Commissioners are following very closely the pending legislation regarding settlement and assistance programs, and hope that the towns are also involved in this very important issue.

Courtroom #2 was finished last summer and was dedicated during the opening of the fall term of Superior Court on September 13, 1983. We anticipate having a second judge in March, which should relieve the backlog and reduce the need for masters.

Counties, as well as towns, are experiencing the transition of the courts into the new State Unified Court System, and should notice a decrease in local expenses for the judicial system. However, the counties will have to "reimburse" \$2.75 million to the Unified Court System in fiscal year 1985, which means approximately \$200,000 to Grafton County. We also expect that the counties will retain certain operating expenses such as Probate Court guardianship and appeals costs, Superior Court bailiff costs, and probably will have to provide court space, furnishings and equipment without remuneration.

On Commissioner recommendation, the Delegation Executive Committee appointed a Jail Study Committee to review the needs for the county correctional facility. The National Institute of Corrections made an independent study of the correctional facility at no cost to taxpayers, and issued an encouraging report recommending minor changes, but overall indicating a good facility in general compliance with laws, regulations and meeting needs. Some attention is being given to the need for additional space, especially for "weekend" incarcerations. There was no recommendation for new permanent facility construction at this time.

Grafton County is currently involved in litigation in a retirement buy-back issue which could have heavy impact on all local governments in the N.H. Retirement System. Assessment on Grafton County in this one case could run approximately \$70,000 plus legal fees and could result in a serious “domino” effect on local governments.

Grafton County will be going through the budgeting process in May and June, with a public hearing on the Commissioners recommendations expected to be held in mid-June. The hearing will be advertised, and we strongly encourage your attendance at the hearing to voice your opinions and feelings on the budget. We welcome your attention and comments.

The Commissioners meet Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse and at 12:30 p.m. at the Nursing Home. Meetings are open to the public.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson
Richard L. Bradley, Vice Chairman
Arthur E. Snell, Clerk

Births 1982

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Jan. 14	Mary Elizabeth Blake	Everett P. Blake	Deborah L. Maddox
Feb. 3	Leigh Erin Bell	Richard A. Bell	Lynn R. Conway
Feb. 18	Adam Christopher Hawkins	Rudell O. Hawkins, Jr.	Kimberly A. Gustafson
March 3	Jeffrey Scott Moore	Scott B. Moore	Tereso M. Potter
March 15	Michael Richard Leonard	Richard D. Leonard	Mary E. Norris
March 23	Bryan Michael Bunnell	Danny L. Bunnell	Patricia A. Smith
March 28	Brandon David Nichols	David S. Nichols	Julie L. Godville
April 16	Benjamin Arthur Docuette	William A. Doucette	Marsha L. Sargent
May 11	Abbie Louise Beane	Norman L. Beane	Pamela S. Virgin
May 12	Meagen Jenna Hiltz	Jeffrey G. Hiltz	Janet E. Forbes
June 8	Nicole Amber Storey	Mark D. Storey	Grace E. Samuelson
June 9	John L. Glidden, Jr.	John L. Glidden, Sr.	Yvonne M. Cornick
June 27	Jessica M. Havlock	not stated	Carrie M. Havlock
July 23	Fredrick Michael Elliott	Frederick Elliott	Linda D. Holt
July 23	Elizabeth Racheal Elliott	Frederick Elliott	Linda D. Holt
July 29	James Robert Hagan	James J. Hagan, Jr.	Robin J. Noury
Aug. 5	Sally Ann Lyford	Stephen H. Lyford	Rebecca L. Ramsey
Aug. 5	Ashley Haynes Greene	Steven A. Greene	Jane M. Ash
Aug. 11	Scott Michael Patterson	Ralph R. Patterson	April J. Ewens
Aug. 31	Elizabeth Ann Fouts	Charles H. Fouts	Terry A. Marsh
Sept. 1	Tyson Christopher Bliss	Harold L. Bliss	Kathleen S. Dymont
Sept. 5	Michael David Hrdlicka	David H. Hrdlicka	Joanne K. Zenzius
Oct. 12	Gabriel Francis Chiasson	Roger L. Chiasson	Brenda L. Cass
Oct. 20	Nathan John Kovacs	John S. Kovacs	Lynne I. Heath
Oct. 27	Susan Elizabeth Smith	Kent L. Smith	Stella M. Havlock
Nov. 4	Devon Scott Reynolds	Peter A. Reynolds	Alesa A. Huckins
Nov. 10	William Thomas McLane IV	William T. McLane, III	Ruth A. Schondelmerier
Nov. 11	Stephanie Webb Laverack	John W. Laverack Jr.	Melissa J. Williams
Nov. 16	Rebecca Kate Perloff	Leonard Perloff	Deborah J. Piehl
Dec. 17	Jonathan David Hardingham	David N. Hardingham	Mary J. Reith

Births 1983

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Jan. 7	Michael Anthanasios Kiratzis	Anthanasios Kiratzis	Nina Cale
Jan. 22	Timothy Allen Morrill	David A. Morrill	Martha J. Osgood
Jan. 22	Deborah Jean Morrill	David A. Morrill	Martha J. Osgood
Feb. 7	Christopher Robin Cummings	Rabin A. Cummings	Lynn M. Powell
Feb. 9	Shannon Margaret Maaney	Michael J. Maaney	Daryl L. Anderson
Feb. 26	Cassandra Lee Russin	Clifford F. Russin	Renay M. Brunault
March 10	Jennifer Marie Sapier	Ronald L. Sapier	Sandra J. Hickey
April 4	Karla Mary Beard	Stanley W. Beard	Cynthia J. Tarsey
April 6	Jason William Stout	William L. Stout	Kelly J. Whiting
May 5	Aaron Jahn Verrill	Anthony J. Verrill	Jodi Lynne Ladd
June 5	Allissa Marie Wills	Calvin L. Wills	Marianne Story
June 11	Jamie Lynn Jenna	Roland E. Jenna, Sr.	Ida M. Ray
June 16	Samantha Marie Simpson	Kevin S. Simpson	Belinda A. Moore
June 18	Erika Lynne Payne	David R. Payne	Karen F. Bailey
July 6	Mamie Star Patter	Gregory L. Patter	Eleanor S. Owens
July 20	Kristen Marie Brasius	Gary L. Brasius	Vickie M. Harriman
July 21	Jessica Michelle Murphy	Jahn M. Murphy	Virginia G. Gustafson
July 28	Morgan Nathaniel Lozier	Bruce P. Lozier	Anita Morgan
July 31	Justin Lee Carpenter	Robert B. Carpenter	Cheryl A. Wilson
Sept. 19	Melissa Sue Ulrich	David G. Ulrich	Cynthia A. Jellison
Sept. 25	Alisha Dawn Woodward	Richard E. Woodward	Trudy B. Gile
Oct. 14	Sarah Frances Harmell	Mark Hormell	Patricia A. Narwood
Nov. 18	Joseph Arthur Hurd	James A. Hurd	Lisa M. Pytko
Nov. 20	Hannah Elizabeth Doyle	David L. Doyle	Jill M. Alexander
Nov. 29	Tyler David Driscoll	David P. Driscoll	Patricia M. Haskell
Nov. 30	Richard Edward Cross	Richard E. Cross	Susan L. Snow
Dec. 31	Chelsea Ann Polak	Joseph Polak	Susan Downey

MARRIAGES 1982

Date	Place	Name of Groom	Name of Bride
February 6	Ashland	Kerry A. Harriman	Susan M. Mangers
February 14	Ashland	Richard L. Crass	Elaine L. Thomas
February 14	Garham	John E. Mickelbara	Vera J. Holman
March 19	Northfield	William J. Robertson	Judith A. Higgins
March 29	Plymouth	David P. Smialek	Brenda L. Perry
March 30	Ashland	James T. Mutney	Linda Brown
June 5	Ashland	Keith M. Cagle	Sharon J. Lott
June 19	Dover	George R. Swible	Judith A. Hall
June 19	Ashland	Eaward J. Gill	Betty J. Schenk
June 26	Ashland	David W. Page	Nancy S. Cummings
June 26	Ashland	Charles H. Fouts	Terry A. Marsh
July 3	Rumney	Dennis B. Eastman	Katherine Karr
July 6	Ashland	Thomas W. Kelley	Rose V. Kelley
July 24	Rumney	James F. Cronin	Shawn M. Eastman
July 31	Andover	Richard L. Lund	Margaret T. Rainey
August 7	Ashland	Ronald L. Sapier	Sandra J. Gilbert
August 21	Ashland	Thomas B. Stewart	Crystal M. Canway
August 21	Center Sandwich	Christopher M. Randall	Gwendolyn Tilton
September 4	Plymouth	Brian J. Pelchat	Rae-Marie Poiras
September 11	Campton	Michael J. Lacroix	Francine A. Boyne
September 12	Halderness	Joseph P. Dussault	Kendra A. Tillatson
October 2	Ashland	Mark E. Schaefer	Suzanne M. DiPietra
October 2	Center Sandwich	Curt H. Chesley	Jaanne C. Leray
November 6	Ashland	James C. Beard	Miriam Ellen Brown
November 27	New Hampton	Reginald A. Pravencher	Dorothy H. Thompson
December 29	Ashland	Philip Prestan	Margaret A. Dabbie

MARRIAGES 1983

Date	Place	Name of Groom	Name of Bride
January 11	Ashland	Robin A. Cummings	Lynn M. Parkhurst
March 12	Hill	Alfred J. Morin	Kathy L. Moses
April 9	Ashland	Norman S. Weden	Christine R. Sherman
April 23	Dorchester	Rodney A. Steele	Nancy L. Conkey
May 21	Ashland	Everett C. Todd	Karen J. Savoie
June 4	Holderness	William S. Anderson	Suzanne L. Townsend
June 4	Groton	Richard E. Cross	Susan L. Snow
June 4	New Hampton	Roland W. Moore	Virginia E. Spencer
June 8	Plymouth	Douglas P. Cloy	Denise M. Pope
June 12	New London	Glen B. Polucho	Susan B. Johnson
June 24	Ashland	Robert C. Cobourn	Dione L. Young
July 2	New Hampton	Richard A. Ray	Penny M. McClay
July 2	New Hampton	David B. Tivey	Roberto E. Young
July 2	Ashland	Matthew W. Willette	Michelle L. Moore
July 9	Ashland	Robert L. Magoon	Kelly L. Knowlton
July 9	Ashland	Deone Downing	Mary F. Boynton
July 23	Holderness	Richard A. Folsom	Christina T. Perno
August 6	Ashland	Thomas C. Groton	Kim L. Burgess
August 8	Campton	Maurice E. Pickering	Marilyn J. Downing
August 21	Woodstock	Philip M. Bridges	Susan M. Armstrong
September 3	Ashland	Kenneth S. Duguay	Floretto J. Lavallee
September 10	Ashland	Jesse A. Bortlett	Betty L. Hall
September 24	Ashland	Joseph W. Bortulewicz	Robin M. Adams
September 24	Meredith	John J. Hayes Jr.	Ingrid A. Dohlberg
October 1	Ashland	Mark W. Ober	Susan M. Stickney
October 27	Ashland	Joseph B. Coleman	Sondro A. Corlson
October 29	Ashland	Jonathon F. Martell	Beatrice A. Blair
November 25	Compton	Robert L. Desrosiers Jr.	Linda S. Wyatt

DEATHS 1982

Date	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Forrest A. Rutherford	59	Plymouth, NH	John F. Rutherford	Flossie Merrill
Jan. 3	Goldeno R. Gilbert	64	Grontham, NH	Isoos Roiney	Addie Rainey
Jan. 16	Thereso A. Harkins	32	Ayer, Mo.	Thoddeus A. Gionet	Ann Grandahl
Feb. 10	Josephine Lyublanovits	81	Czechoslovakia	unknown	unknown
Mar. 6	Franklin P. Holzman	65	Boston, Ma.	Paul Weiner	Alice Wolf
Mar. 23	Marjorie E. Bradley	62	Minnesato	Edward Kouch	Caroline Wilson
Mar. 25	Chester H. Morley Sr.	83	Lynn, Ma.	Alonzo P. Morley	Elmira Galucia
Mar. 29	Joseph N. Duclos	73	Suncook, NH	Ernest J. Duclos	Alexandria Roberts
Apr. 4	Teofilo Drew	61	Lukowicz, Poland	Emanuel Oleszczuk	Anna
Apr. 14	Georgio H. Keniston	74	Hill, NH	George Hill	Julia Evans
Apr. 18	Armand J. Alix	74	New Bedford, Ma.	Oswald Alix	Cora Girard
Apr. 20	Richard D. Leonard	26	Mass.	Donald H. Leonard	Coroline DeVirgilio
Apr. 29	Leslie Goodwin	71	Campton, NH	Fred L. Goodwin	Amy Hutchins
Aug. 2	Cheryl G. Brooker	30	Plymouth, NH	Rolond Bagley	Aleta Thomlinson
Aug. 20	Walter Hozelton Sr.	75	Dorset, Vt.	Ralza Hozelton	Alzada Place
Aug. 28	Ethel Miller	93	Chelsea, Ma.	Bennett F. Stickney	Abbie M. Page
Sept. 19	Florence D. Sanborn	93	Ashland, NH	George C. Dicey	Delia Phillips
Sept. 22	Jesse L. Bortlett	70	Mila, Me.	Joseph L. Bortlett	Sally Page
Oct. 22	Alice M. Stewart	85	Rumney, NH	Jesse J. Tilton	Martha J. Simpson
Oct. 26	Hubert J. Cumming	61	Olney, Ill.	Frederick Cumming	Betty M. McNamara
Nov. 15	William V. Beaton Sr.	64	Lynn, Ma.	Alexander Beaton	Helen Word
Nov. 17	Wilbur Patterson	82	Californio	Unknown	Unknown
Dec. 2	Wilton M. Haag	72	Wakefield, Ma.	Clorence Haag	Maude Maddicks

DEATHS 1983

Date	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 1	Harald V. Buckman	70	Woodstock, Vt.	Lewis Buckman	Jone Reed
Mar. 3	Emmo B. Labrique	84	Warren, NH	Horace Cross	Ado Libby
Mar. 10	Lillian M. Young	74	Plymouth, NH	Otis Young	Vernie Durant
Mar. 31	Alfred C. Morton Sr.	78	Ashland, NH	Herbert Morton	Dorothy French
Apr. 6	Lena F. Romprey	76	Haverhill, NH	Edward Foss	Cara Woods
May 8	Charlotte H. Morton	69	Warren, NH	Warren Comette	Florence Jewell
Sept. 5	Olive G. Cilley	86	Hill, NH	Charles Cilley	Nellie Allen
Sept. 7	Gertrude A. Johnston	76	Manchester, Vt.	William Johnston	Flora Miller
Oct. 20	Earl U. Hutchins	90	Thornton, NH	Joseph Hutchins	Emma Elliott
Oct. 26	Arlene A. MacDonald	68	Boston, Mo.	Raymond Ingalls	Marian Lowes
Dec. 16	J. Carlton Beard	67	New Hampton, NH	Merrill Beard	Rosa Huckins

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Town Warrants

Ashland

Town Warrant 1984

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Fire Station in said Town on Tuesday, March 13th, 1984 at 9:00 am in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To vote upon the proposed amendment to the Ashland Environmental Ordinance Section 8.5 as recommended by the Ashland Planning Board by adding the following:

No sewage disposal system which discharges effluent into the ground shall be located within 125 feet of any year-round surface water.

Yes _____

No _____

ARTICLE 3. To vote upon the proposed amendment to the Ashland Building Regulations, Article IV, Section 3 as recommended by the Ashland Planning Board by adding the following:

All private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground shall be located at least 125 feet from all year-round surface waters.

Yes _____

No _____

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

Robert E. Tucker

James H. Rollins

Hilda Harris

Board of Selectmen

Ashland, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant, Attest:

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen
Ashland, New Hampshire

NOTE: The business portion of the Town Meeting for the ensuing year will be held Wednesday, March 14, 1984 at 7:00 PM at the Ashland High School Gymnasium.

Ashland Town Warrant

1984

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State; qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Gymnasium in said Town on Wednesday, March 14, 1984 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles.

Notice: Town Officers to be elected at the General Town and School Election to be held at the Ashland Fire Station beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 1984.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Utility Commissioners to raise and appropriate or to appropriate from available funds or to borrow or to authorize bonding and to expend the sum of not more than \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water Department for improvements to the water system; \$775,000.00 of which is to be paid for by Grant money to be received from the United States Department of Agriculture; the Town to borrow not more than \$1,050,000.00 for this project of which the United States Department of Agriculture will provide \$904,000.00 in joint with the Town and the Town will provide \$146,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes from the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration, and/or through any other lending institution, whose interest rate is the same or less to be paid back by the Town of Ashland Water Department over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend, without further vote of the Town, Federal and State Grants which may become available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any other government units or private sources to be used for purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money; provided (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditure of other Town funds not specifically appropriated for the particular purpose for which the grant or other monies are received, (2) that a Public Hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen, and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all the provisions of RSA

32, relative to limitations and expenditures of Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-B.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288.00 to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Ordinance:

DOG LEASH ORDINANCE

1. No person who is the owner, keeper or custodian of a dog shall allow such dog to run at large at any time of the day or night.
2. Section One shall not apply to dogs used for hunting, herding, supervised competition or exhibition or training for such, provided that such dog must be within sight at all times of the owner, keeper or custodian.
3. The term "at large," as used in Section One, shall mean off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian and not leashed.
4. The term "leashed" shall mean that there is attached to the dog a collar and leash, the leash being in the hand or hands of the owner, keeper or custodian in a secure fashion so as to completely control the conduct of such dog at all times when off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of such dog.
5. Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties as found in RSA 466:30-b.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other sum, for the enforcement of such a Dog Leash Ordinance, or to act upon anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 674, Sections 5 through 8, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, authorizing the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of Municipal Capitol Improvement Projects to aid the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, and other Boards and Committees in the preparation and consideration of their annual budgets and expenditures, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:1-A, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of Property Taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums in anticipation of taxes, from such sources, upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and prudent for the operation of the Town, and to execute such documents on behalf of the Town as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town of Ashland by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require per RSA 70:42.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, transfer from Revenue Surplus or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, and expend the sum of \$75,000.00, or any other sum, for the reconstruction and replacement or repairs to the River Street/Leavitt Hill Road Bridge or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as an offset against budgeted appropriation for the Town Buildings Account - Town Hall Renovations in the sum of \$30,000.00 or to take any other action or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, transfer from revenue surplus or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, and expend the sum of \$7,717.00, or any other sum, for the replacement and repair of 1,465 feet of chainlink fence and backstops located at the Ashland Town Beach and

Packard Field, and to direct that an application be filed for matching Federal Funding and Grants, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Ashland shall call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representative(s) and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Ashland, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and expend the sum of \$20,573.73 for the State Highway Block Grant (State to contribute \$20,573.73) or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw and expend the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sanitary Department Capital Reserve Fund for use of the Sanitary Department, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw and expend the sum of \$7,330.28, plus such interest that may accumulate until such withdrawal, from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to be applied toward the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department, and to discontinue said Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, appropriate from revenue surplus, transfer from capital reserve or borrow by bonded debt and/or accept donations, or any combination of the foregoing, and to expend the sum of \$12,500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck to be used for the prevention of fires and to determine if a committee of six (6) should be selected from the floor of the Town Meeting by the Moderator to purchase said equipment, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and to pass any vote in relation thereto, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen

Attest, a true copy:

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen

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Town Budget

1984 Budget

Town of Ashland

	Actual Appropriations 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Expenditures 1983 (1983-84)	Selectmen's Budget 1984 (1984-85)	Budget Committee Recommended 1984 (1984-85)	Not Recommended
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)					
General Government:					
Town Officers Salary	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,228.16	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,375.00	\$
Town Officers Expenses	50,550.00	43,722.12	67,300.00	67,300.00	
Election and Registration Expenses	1,200.00	1,091.25	1,155.00	1,155.00	
Cemeteries	175.00	175.00	1.00	1.00	
General Government Buildings	15,095.00	4,566.28	37,950.00	37,950.00	
Reappraisal of Property		1,464.42	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00	957.05	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Legal Expenses	2,900.00	2,400.00	4,320.00	4,320.00	
Advertising and Regional Association	1,372.89	1,372.89	1,474.00	1,474.00	
Contingency Fund (Tax Map)	800.00	568.92	600.00	600.00	
Industrial Develop. Comm.			500.00	500.00	
Public Safety:					
Police Department	80,774.00	80,952.42	91,132.00	91,132.00	
Fire Department	44,958.00	35,753.27	50,000.00	50,000.00	

Civil Defense	200.00	12.00	1.00	1.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00	386.82	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges:				
Town Maintenance	8,500.00	.00	1.00	1.00
General Highway Department Expenses	101,228.00	79,554.67	107,740.00	107,740.00
Town Road Aid	406.96	.00		
Highway Subsidy	15,420.92	13,817.20		
Street Lighting	15,380.00	15,400.48	16,740.00	16,740.00
Bridges	45,000.00	41,225.00	1.00	1.00
Curbing	.00	2,221.50		
Highway Block Grant			20,573.73	20,573.73
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Disposal	14,770.00	16,237.64	18,935.00	18,935.00
Health:				
Health Department	5,575.00	5,409.98	5,963.00	5,675.00
Hospitals and Ambulances	7,000.00	7,165.42	7,000.00	7,000.00
Animal Control			4,000.00	4,000.00
Welfare:				
General Assistance	7,000.00	3,899.82	5,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00	12,334.67	14,000.00	14,000.00
Culture and Recreation:				
Library	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,500.00

Parks and Recreation	20,790.00	21,045.69	30,011.00	30,011.00
Patriotic Purposes	775.00	775.00	775.00	775.00
Trees	100.00	.00	1.00	1.00
Memorial Park	150.00	175.29	150.00	150.00
Debt Service:				
Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Bonds & Notes	24,640.00	24,640.00	23,100.00	23,100.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	39,000.00	40,586.85	40,000.00	40,000.00
Capital Outlay:				
Highway Equipment			1.00	1.00
Aerial Ladder			12,500.00	.00
Fire Dept. Van	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Fire Alarm Wiring-New Boxes	4,000.00	.00		
Pedestrian Park	10,400.00	18,690.00		
Miscellaneous:				
Municipal Water Department	52,800.00	38,340.21	1,875,700.00	1,875,700.00
Municipal Sewer Department	283,635.00	257,355.12	125,765.00	125,765.00
Municipal Electric Department	1,519,700.00	1,090,968.18	1,524,600.00	1,524,600.00
FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	11,000.00	11,410.05	12,903.00	12,903.00

Insurance	34,000.00	26,791.52	29,200.00	29,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00	28.16	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,496,670.77	\$1,956,222.95	\$4,184,797.73	\$4,173,009.73
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes				3,930,273.73
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)				242,736.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Taxes:	Estimated Revenues 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Revenues 1983 (1983-84)	Selectmen's Budget 1984 (1984-85)	Estimated Revenues 1984 (1984-85)
Resident Taxes	10,100.00	9,860.00	10,100.00	10,100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00	56.25	56.00	56.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	22,080.00	42,443.26	40,100.00	40,100.00
Inventory Penalties		408.01	1,200.00	1,200.00
Boat Registrations	2,100.00	2,194.70	2,100.00	2,100.00

Intergovernmental Revenues:

Meals and Rooms Tax	14,800.00			
Interest and Dividends Tax	8,000.00			
Savings Bank Tax	10,000.00	164,365.03	140,000.00	140,000.00
Highway Subsidy	8,208.79	23,047.80	20,573.73	20,573.73

Railroad Tax	.00	323.22	.00	.00
Town Road Aid	2,713.09			
Class V Highway Maintenance (Duncan)	5,292.67			
State Aid Water Pollution Projects	34,574.00	23,057.80	33,500.00	33,500.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	41.00	52.80	41.00	41.00
Other Reimbursements	31,887.73		50.00	50.00
Federal Grants				
Park & Recreation Grant	3,411.45	3,360.59		
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000.00	48,639.50	50,000.00	50,000.00
Dog Licenses	700.00	866.00	850.00	850.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	2,500.00	3,553.82	3,500.00	3,500.00
Charges for Services:				
Income from Departments	24,000.00	22,549.44	31,600.00	31,600.00
Rent of Town Property	50.00	291.00	300.00	300.00
Fines, Forfeits & Municipal Court	200.00	217.00	215.00	215.00
Electric Department	23,100.00	23,100.00	23,100.00	23,100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Interest on Deposits	15,000.00	26,769.92	25,000.00	25,000.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00	4,562.88	2,000.00	2,000.00

Timber Tax	.00	831.00	
Surplus	7,500.00		
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes			1,825,000.00
Income from Water, Sewer & Elec. Depts.	1,840,135.00	1,840,135.00	1,689,988.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	98,000.00	4,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Fund	30,020.00	32,872.29	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$2,235,563.73	\$2,277,547.31	\$3,930,273.73

Budget Committee

John W. Laverack, Jr.	Beatrice W. Moody
Neale H. Bavis	Arline E. Wilson
David L. Ruell	Robert E. Tucker
Michael J. Mooney	Sheila M. Page
Albert P. Blake	Linda D. Guyotte
Richard E. Ogden	



Emergency Telephones

Town Office	968-4432
Police	968-3224
Fire Station	968-7772
Water & Sanitary Departments	968-4432
Water & Sanitary Dept., Supt. Wayne Hughes	968-7193
Electric Department	968-4432
Electric Supt. Thomas Marsh	968-3083
Tax Collector	968-4432
Town Clerk	968-4432
Plymouth Ambulance Service	536-1252
Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital (Plymouth)	536-1120
Lakes Region General Hospital (Laconia)	524-3211
Physician, Dr. Glenn Bricker	968-3325
Ashland Schools - Office	968-7622
Superintendent's Office	279-7947
Dentist, Dr. John S. Reeve	968-7600

IN CASE OF FIRE

Dial 1-524-1545

1. Report kind of Fire
2. Report location of Fire
3. Give your name and telephone number to the Fire Department Operator who answers your call.

SPEAK SLOWLY AND DISTINCTLY

When ringing a fire alarm box - be sure to stay at box location to direct Fire Department to fire location.

Signal 12 one minute intervals blown three times indicates water to be shut off within 30 minutes.

Signal 2 at one minute intervals blown three times indicates water is back on again.

No School Signal — 23 sounded at 7:00 A.M.

“Delayed School” and “No School” Announcements will be made from radio stations WLNH and WEMJ, Laconia, and WPNH, Plymouth, between 7:00 & 7:30 A.M.

Fire Chief	968-7080
1st Deputy	968-3054
2nd Deputy	968-7868